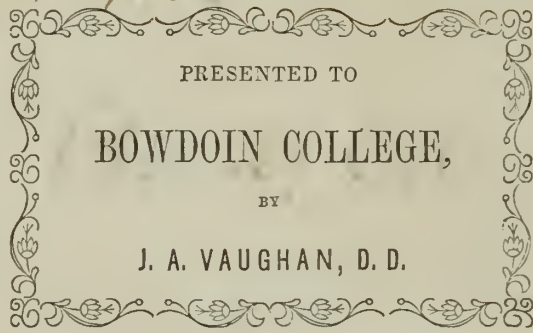




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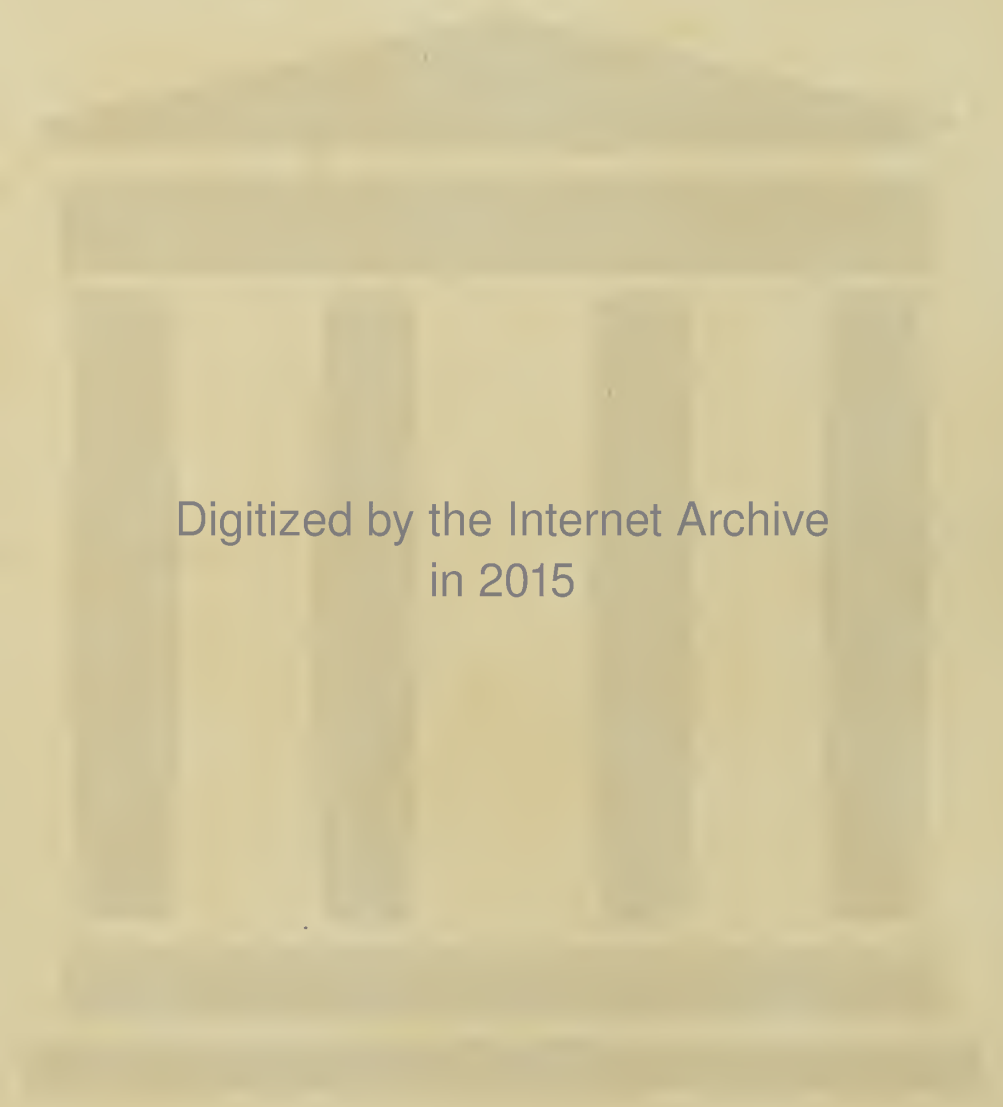
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Martis, 25^o die Julii, 1797.

THE members of the assembly being met, according to proclamation, and being made acquainted with the death of the honourable William Blake, esquire, their late speaker;

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Redwood were desired to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, and acquaint him therewith; and to desire his honour would be pleased to give leave to proceed to the choice of a speaker; who returning, reported that his honour was pleased to give leave accordingly:

Whereupon the members unanimously chose Donald Campbell, esquire, their speaker; who being conducted to the chair;

Mr. Cuthbert and Mr. Mowat were desired to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, and acquaint him, that the house had made choice of a speaker, and desire to know when they should attend his honour, to present him; who returning, reported his honour was pleased to say, immediately:

Whereupon the house attended his honour, and presented their speaker, who being approved of, and being returned;

Mr. Speaker acquainted the house, that, in pursuance of the directions of an act for
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that purpose, passed in the year 1793, a new writ had been issued, during the recess, for the election of a member to serve in this assembly, for the parish of St. Catherine, in the room of Samuel Whitehorne, esquire, deceased; that one other writ had been issued, for the election of a member to serve in this assembly, for the parish of Port-Royal, in the room of Matthew Wallen, esquire, deceased; and that one other writ had been issued, for the election of a member to serve in this assembly, for the parish of Westmorland, in the room of the honourable William Blake, esquire, deceased.

Ordered, That the rules agreed to by the house on the first day of the last session, be the standing rules of the house, during the present session.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the clerk of the council, who brought down a *dedimus* to the speaker, empowering him to administer the usual oaths, to such members of the present assembly, as have not been already sworn, and to hear and see them repeat and subscribe the test.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the clerk of the council, who brought down the writs of election for the parishes of St. Catherine, Port-Royal, and Westmorland; which, with the provost-marshal's returns thereto, being severally read, it appeared that Edmund Pusey Lyon, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish of St. Catherine, in the room of Samuel Whitehorne, esquire, deceased; that Samuel Whitehorne Barnett, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish of Port-Royal, in the room of Matthew Wallen, esquire, deceased; and that William Ricketts Johnson, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish of Westmorland, in the room of the honourable William Blake, esquire, deceased:

And the said Samuel Whitehorne Barnett, esquire, and Alexander Macleod, esquire, attending, severally took the usual oaths, and their seats, accordingly.

Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, in the council-chamber, and that his honour was pleased to make a speech; of which Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy; and the same being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“ I lament my being obliged to call you together, at a season of the year which I am afraid may be attended with some inconvenience to your private concerns.

“ The situation of public affairs, and the novel circumstances which arise in the progress of the war, claim an unremitting degree of vigilance and attention to the state of the island.

“ When we reflect on the superiority of his majesty's fleets, rendered doubly powerful by recent and splendid victories, and contemplate the natural defensible state of Jamaica, and the loyalty of its inhabitants, an invasion by the enemy, in great force, and with views of conquest, cannot be reasonably apprehended: But my solicitude for your safety, has made me examine, with some anxiety, a danger of a lesser magnitude, to which it seems exposed, and which has appeared to me of sufficient importance, to merit your serious consideration: I shall lay before you such papers and information, as may best explain

plain its nature; being, upon all occasions, desirous of availing myself of your advice, and of acting under the guidance of your judgment.

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“ I trust that you will provide for the exigencies of government, with your accustomed liberality.

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“ I shall communicate to you some military arrangements, which his majesty has been pleased to make, for the defence of his colonies in the West-Indies, and of Jamaica in particular.

“ I am thoroughly persuaded, that this, as well as every other matter which may come before you, will receive that temperate and sober discussion, which has ever dignified your proceedings.”

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare an humble address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, for his speech at the opening of the session ;

Ordered, That Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Thompson, be a committee for that purpose :

Ordered, That his honour's speech be referred to the said committee.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Mr. Swaby, mentioning, that his private concerns required his absence from this country for some time, and requesting leave of absence for twelve months :

Ordered, That he have leave of absence for twelve months accordingly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Mr. Murray, mentioning, that business of a particular nature would prevent his attending the house during the present session, and requesting leave of absence :

Ordered, That Mr. Murray have leave of absence during the present session.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Mr. Hering, mentioning, that business of a particular nature would detain him in the parish of Westmorland, at the commencement of the present session, and requesting leave of absence :

Ordered, That Mr. Hering have leave of absence for one week.

A member, in his place, having informed the house of the death of James Wedderburn, esquire, one of the representatives for the parish of Westmorland :

And a motion being made, that a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, acquainting him therewith, that a new writ might issue ;

Ordered, That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

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“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“ We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request you will be pleased to give directions for issuing a writ, to choose a representative for the parish of Westmorland, in the room of James Wedderburn, esquire, deceased.”

Ordered, That Mr. Irving and Mr. Shaw be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Ordered, That all standing committees of the late session be revived.

Ordered, That the secretary of this island do forthwith send unto the house, the several original laws of this island, now in his custody.

Ordered, That the clerk appointed by the commissioners of correspondence do forthwith send unto the house, all books, papers, and writings, now in his custody, belonging to the said commissioners.

Resolved, That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to take into consideration his honour the lieutenant-governor's speech at the opening of the session.

Resolved, That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take into consideration the state of the island.

Resolved, That Mr. Speaker do authorize any person to print the votes of this session, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker*.

Mercurii, 26^o die Julii, 1797.

EDMUND Pusey Lyon and William Ricketts Johnson, esquires, attending, severally took the usual oaths, and their seats accordingly.

Mr. Chief-Justice, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, in answer to his speech at the opening of this session, reported the same; which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read;

Resolved,

Resolved, That the said address be committed to a committee of the whole house, immediately :

Then the house resolved itself into such committee :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Chief-Justice took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Chief-Justice, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the address, and had made one amendment thereto ; which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table ; where being again read :

And a motion being made, that the report be amended, by inserting the words, “ though almost wholly neglected by the administration at home ; ”

A debate thereon arising ; and the question being put :

It passed in the negative :

Resolved, That the house do agree to the report :

Ordered, That the said address, with the amendment, be engrossed.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house a letter from Mr. Foulks, mentioning, that the ill health of himself and family rendered a change of climate absolutely requisite ; and requesting that the house would vacate his seat.

Ordered, That the seat of the said Mr. Foulks be vacated, agreeably to his request.

Ordered, That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“ We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions for issuing a writ, to choose a representative for the parish of Clarendon, in the room of Theodore Foulks, esquire, whose seat the house have vacated.”

Ordered, That Mr. Henckell and Mr. Deans be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message ; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Three messages from his honour the lieutenant governor, by his secretary, as follows :

First message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house a copy of a letter, which he has received from the duke of Portland, dated January, 1797, and also a copy of its inclosure.

" I am directed to say, that his honour requests the house will pay the earliest attention to the contents of his grace's letter; and trusts, that the reasons assigned therein, will prove so convincing and satisfactory, as to induce a concurrence in the measure, and the necessary pecuniary aid in consequence.

' MY LORD,

Whitehall January, 1797.

' By the letter of which I send your lordship a copy inclosed, you will receive the king's commands to take the necessary steps for raising, in the island of Jamaica a regiment of colour, which it is his majesty's pleasure should consist of eight companies.

' A reference to such of my former dispatches, as tend to explain and enforce the importance, which his majesty's confidential servants attach to the formation of a regular negro force in the West-Indies, will render it unnecessary for me to call your lordship's attention to such means, as may be most conducive to raise such a regiment, with the least possible delay, and the strictest economy: His majesty has been pleased to give the command of it to brigadier-general Whitelock, who is to be at liberty to enlist free negroes, or people of colour, provided they can be procured for the bounties usually allowed for recruiting in this country, and on this express condition, that they belong to the British islands.

' As, however, it is thought that it will be extremely difficult to complete this regiment, unless permission is given to purchase, on the account of government, a portion of those men of whom it is to consist, your lordship is hereby empowered to resort to that mode of procuring them, in case it should be necessary; and you are also authorized, in that case, to draw bills on the lords commissioners of his majesty's treasury, for the payment of the sums you may be obliged to disburse on that account.

' When it comes to be considered, that the proposers of this measure can have no other object in view, than the establishment of a force which shall be suitable to the climate, and sufficient for the defence and security of the island; that experience has shewn the difficulty and uncertainty of keeping up such a force by recruits from Europe; and that it is impossible to augment it, in cases of emergency, so as to enable it to act with promptitude and effect; and when we are to recollect besides, that we have to oppose the principles and doctrines introduced into the colonies by the French Republicans, a new, and certainly more formidable enemy, than any we have ever yet had to encounter, I should hope and believe, that your lordship would be able, not only to reconcile the legislature of Jamaica to this measure, but to induce them to bear a considerable share of the expence of it; and I am the more inclined to indulge this expectation, from the influence to which I think your lordship's conduct should entitle you with both the branches of the legislature, and from the gratitude they ought to feel for the exertions, this country is always ready to make in their behalf. I am, MY LORD, your lordship's most obedient humble servant,

' *Earl of Balcarres.*

PORTLAND.

' MY LORD,

Hofi-Guards, 9th January, 1797.

' As your lordship will be instructed by the duke of Portland, in regard to the measures to be pursued, in raising the regiment of colour that is to be formed in the island of Jamaica, under the command of brigadier-general Whitelock. I have to communicate to your lordship, by field-marshal the duke of York's commands, the establishment, at which it is his majesty's pleasure that the corps should be fixed, and which is as hereafter mentioned.

' His royal highness thinking it probable, that a great proportion of the negroes to compose this corps will be to be purchased by government, and that the same expedient will be obliged to be had recourse to, to provide the corps of the same description with men, that are to be formed in the leeward islands, has thought it necessary to direct lieutenant general sir Ralph Abercrombie, to communicate to your lordship the measures, he may find it expedient

dient to a lopt upon the occasion, in order that the same plan may be followed by your lordship, as far as local circumstances will admit.

His royal highness further commands me to observe, that he is persuaded, that your lordship will see the necessity of using every exertion possible, in perfecting the intention of establishing this corps; an object his royal highness considers as materially essential to his majesty's service.

I have the honour to be, MY LORD, your lordship's most obedient humble servant,

ROBERT BROWNRIGG.

Major general earl of Balcarres, &c. &c. &c.

Establishment of brigadier-general Whitelock's regiment, to consist of eight companies of sixty rank and file.

1 colonel, without a company	1 surgeon
1 lieutenant-colonel, ditto	2 mates
1 major, ditto	1 serjeant-major
8 captains	1 quartermaster serjeant
16 lieutenants	24 serjeants
8 ensigns	24 corporals
1 chaplain	16 drummers
1 adjutant	456 private men."
1 quartermaster	

Second message.

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house an extract of a letter from lieutenant-general Simcoe, dated Port-au-Prince, 1st June, 1797; and also a copy of a letter signed by Sonthonax, as referred to by the letter of the lieutenant-general."

Extract of a letter from general Simcoe, to the earl of Balcarres, dated Port-au-Prince, 1st June, 1797.

I inclose to your lordship, the copy of a letter, indubitably signed by Sonthonax, and dropped in the plain of the Cul de Sac, at nearly that period, when the troops of Leogane and l'oussaint threatened to invest this place.

As a military man, I cannot take upon me to say, that any part of this island would now be in possession of the king's forces, had not your lordship sent the reinforcement under colonel Spencer."

LIBERTE GENERALE.—REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE.

Au cap. le 15ne Germinal, l'an cinquième de la republique Francaise, une et indivisible.

Léger Felicité Sonthonax, représentant de peuple, et commissaire délégué par le gouvernement Français aux isles de Vent,

Au general de brigade Beauvais, commandant l'arrondissement de Leogane.

Le general l'oussaint L'Ouverture m'apprend, cher général, que vous avez eu quelques succès dans votre expedition sur les côtes extérieures du Port-au-Prince, et que sans la saison pluvieuse qui vous a contrarié, vous auriez obtenu des avantages plus importants: D'après les témoignages qui me sont donnés de votre zèle, je ne puis qu'être très satisfait de ses effets.

Ce n'est pas tout, d'inquiéter les Anglais dans les points de la colonie que des traîtres leur ont livrés; il faut porter le théâtre de la guerre chez eux-mêmes; c'est à la Jamaïque que nous devons leur porter les plus grands coups.

Je suis maintenant occupé de réaliser un projet, que je crois assez mûr pour être assuré de l'exécution: Voici quel est mon projet:

‘ Je fais rassembler dans les ports des Gonaïves, Port de Paix, et Fort Liberté, 50 corsaires depuis six canons jusqu’à un pierrier, très bien armés en fusils, pistoles, et sabres, et parfaitement bien équipés; le rassemblement général se fera sur un point donné, que je ne puis encore vous dire.

‘ Cette flotte flibustière mettra, sur la côte du Port-Antonio et du Port-Morant, les hommes intrépides qu’elle porte. Liberté sera le mot de ralliement; avec ce talisman, et précédés de leur artillerie légère, ces hommes insurgeront tous les noirs qu’ils trouveront sur leur passage; se joindront à ceux des montagnes bleues, et avec la rapidité d’un torrent grossi par la fonte des neiges, ils renverseront tout ce qui leur fera résistance, et ils viendront planter l’arbre de la liberté à Kingston.

‘ Le chef de cette entreprise est un officier, qui a combattu les Anglais dans l’Inde, et dans la Guerre des États-unis; il leur porte une haine profonde; il connaît parfaitement les côtes de la Jamaïque, et l’intérieur des terres. Secrettement avoué par moi, il y a été plusieurs fois dans divers déguisemens, et s’est ménagé des intelligences avec des habitans; tiennent à ses ordres des éclaireurs, et des guides pour diriger la marche de nos flibustiers: Voilà quels sont mes projets; j’ai dû vous les communiquer, parce que vous serez chargé d’une partie de l’exécution, par le concours des moyens qui sont à votre disposition. Salut et fraternité.

‘ SONTONAX.’

‘ GENERAL LIBERTY—FRENCH REPUBLIC,

‘ Cape, 15th Germinal, 5th year of the French republic, one and indivisible.

‘ Leger Felicité Sontonax, representative of the French People, and commissioner delegated by the French government to the Leeward Islands,

‘ To brigadier-general Beauvais, commanding the district of Leogane.

‘ General Toussaint L’Ouverture informs me, dear general, that you have had some success in your expedition against the out-posts of Port-au-Prince, and that, had you not been counteracted by the rainy season, you would have obtained advantages still more important.

‘ From the accounts I have received of your zeal, I cannot but be pleased with the effects it has produced.

‘ We ought not to be satisfied with disturbing the English in the several ports of this colony, which have been delivered to them by traitors; we must remove the seat of war into their own bosom; and, in Jamaica, the greatest efforts must be made against them.

‘ My mind is at present engaged in carrying into execution a plan sufficiently ripe to ensure its success.

‘ This is my plan:

‘ I am collecting in the ports of Gonaïves, Port de Paix, and Fort Liberté, fifty privateers, from a swivel to six guns, well supplied with musquetry, pistols, and sabres, and perfectly well manned: The general rendezvous will be at a place that I shall hereafter indicate to you: This buccaneering fleet will land, on the coast of Port-Antonio and Port-Morant, the intrepid heroes it will have on board: Liberty shall be the rallying word: With this talisman, and preceded by their light artillery, these men will create an insurrection among all the negroes they may find on their march; they will be joined by the maroons; and, with the rapidity of a torrent, swollen by the melting of snow, will overthrow all resistance, and plant the tree of liberty in Kingston.

‘ The officer, who will command this enterprise, has fought against the English in India and America; he bears them a most inveterate hatred; he is perfectly acquainted with the coast of Jamaica, and the interior of the country; he has been there several times, secretly authorized by me, and under different disguises, and has opened communication with some of the inhabitants, who hold themselves in readiness to put under his orders fronts and guides, to direct the march of our free-booters.

‘ Such

‘ Such are my plans; it is my duty to communicate them to you, because you are to execute a part of them, by employing therein the means at your disposal.

‘ Health and fraternity.

‘ SONTOMAX.”

Third message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house a return of the regular force in Jamaica, fit for duty, dated July 1st, 1797: And his honour directs me to say, that he has no reason to expect a reinforcement of troops, either from Great-Britain or St. Domingo.

‘ Return of British rank and file in Jamaica, fit for duty, July 1, 1797.

‘ 13th regiment of light dragoons	-	-	-	-	134
‘ 20th ditto ditto	-	-	-	-	188
‘ 63d regiment of foot	-	-	-	-	214
‘ 83d ditto ditto	-	-	-	-	266—802
‘ Royal artillery	-	-	-	-	152

‘ Jamaica, July 1, 1797.

A. GOULD, *acting major brigade.*

‘ N. B. 276 rank and file sick, not included in the above return.

‘ A. G. A. M. B.”

Ordered, That the above three messages, and the papers therewith sent, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house resolved itself into such committee:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Taylor took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee, reported one resolution; which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read, was agreed unto by the house, and is as follows:

That it be recommended to the house, to refer his honour the lieutenant-governor’s first message of this day, and the papers therewith sent, to a special committee; and that they report their opinion thereon, to the house:

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Grant, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Irving, Mr. Cuthbert, and Mr. Fullerton, be a committee for that purpose:

Then Mr. Taylor acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved, That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

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Then the house adjourned til, to morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Sisman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Notis, 27^o die Julii, 1797.

THE engrossed address to his honour the lieutenant-governor was read, in the words following:

“JAMAICA, *ff.*

“*To the right honourable ALEXANDER earl of BVCARRES, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this his majesty's island of Jamaica, and the territories thereon depending in America, chancellor and vice-admiral of the same,*

“THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR.

“We, his majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the assembly of the island of Jamaica, beg leave to return your honour our thanks, for your speech at the opening of the session.

“Notwithstanding any inconvenience we may feel, at being called from our private concerns at this season of the year, we readily attend to the higher duty of our station, the public welfare.

“The circumstances of the present war, equally new and extraordinary, claim, on our part, every degree of attention and vigilance.

“We trust that the superiority of his majesty's fleets, so eminently distinguished by splendid victories, will deter the enemy from attempting, in great force, any serious attack against an island naturally so strong; and whose inhabitants, conspicuous for their loyalty, are at all times ready to sacrifice their lives and fortunes, in defence of their king and country.

“We return your lordship our warmest thanks, for having examined, with anxiety, dangers of a less magnitude, to which we may be exposed; and we beg leave to assure your lordship, that we shall co-operate with you, in all such measures, as may be thought necessary, for the further security and defence of the island.

“We shall provide for the exigencies of government, in the manner most suitable to the circumstances of the country.

“We shall discuss such military arrangements, and other matters, as your lordship shall be pleased to lay before us, in the most dispassionate manner, becoming our duty to our king, and the safety of his people in this island.”

Resolved, That the said address do pass:

Ordered,

Ordered, That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to acquaint you, that having an humble address to present, they desire to know when you will please to be attended."

Ordered, That Mr. Chief-Justice and Mr. Cuthbert be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, this afternoon, at four of the clock,

Resolved, That as the present session of assembly has been convened on a particular emergency, when the accustomed provision for the support of government during the current year had been made, this house will not receive any business of a private nature; and will confine its deliberations to the immediate objects for which it has been called, as strictly as the interest and welfare of the island will admit.

Ordered, That the above resolution be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for one week.

It being four of the clock, Mr. Speaker, with the whole house, went up to attend his honour the lieutenant-governor, to present their address; and being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, and presented their address, to which his honour was pleased to return an answer; of which, Mr. Speaker said, he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy; and the same being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

"I thank you for this address and am happy to observe your ardent desire to promote the prosperity of the empire, and of this island in particular."

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Atkman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker*.

Utrecht, 28^o die Julii, 1797.

MR. Shirley, from the committee to whom his honour the lieutenant-governor's first message of Wednesday last, and the papers therewith sent, were referred, reported,

That, however disinterested the proposers of the measure mentioned in the duke of Portland's letter, dated last January, may be, it appears that they are not sufficiently acquainted with the constitution, and internal policy, of this island, to judge by what legal means such a measure can be carried into execution; and, if effected, how far it will contribute to the good of his majesty's service, and to the security of the island:

That

That the committee are of opinion, that the raising a corps, to be chiefly composed of purchased slaves, is contrary to the laws of this country, because they prohibit any person from bearing arms who is not a free man; and they also declare, that it is felony, without benefit of clergy, to place arms and ammunition in the hands of slaves, except under certain circumstances specified in these laws:

That the committee are further of opinion, that, should slaves be embodied and armed, in the manner directed in the dispatches accompanying his lordship's first message, they could not legally exercise, in this island, many of the most important duties of a soldier:

That the committee beg leave to observe, that supposing it is part of the plan, in order to obviate these difficulties, to manumize such slaves as may be purchased (which, however, is not set forth in any of the dispatches), the following obstacles will still occur:

No manumission can operate so as to defeat the rights of creditors, nor those who have estates in reversion, after the expiration of life interests; and the laws of this country provide, that no slave shall be manumized, until good and sufficient security shall be first given to the churchwardens, for settling a pecuniary provision upon such slave for life:

And, even were the obstacles we have now stated removed, the operation of the British code of military laws militates directly against the laws of this island, which relate to the situation of free people of colour; and this objection can only be removed by an act of our legislature; and the committee cannot help observing, that the institution even of this measure, without such sanction, is improper:

That the committee, having shewn that this measure is contrary to the constitution of this island, now proceed to state that it is also contrary to its policy:

The distinction and subordination of ranks, by which the peace, good order, and safety of this island, have hitherto, in a great measure, been preserved, will be destroyed by the adoption of this plan:

The inhabitants of this colony consist of four classes; whites, free people of colour having special privileges granted by private acts, free people of colour not possessing such privileges, and slaves: Hitherto all these classes, when employed in the public service, have, as far as it has been practicable, been kept separate: We have, in the militia, different companies, composed of whites, of browns, and of blacks; slaves are only employed as pioneers, or as party-men: The regiment of colour, under the command of brigadier general M'Intocke, is to be formed, as it appears to your committee, on a footing of equality, and on a system contrary to this practice:

Manumissions have heretofore in general been granted to slaves, as rewards for faithful services; but, to grant freedom indiscriminately to slaves, for the sole purpose of enlisting them as soldiers, would open to their view a new and dangerous scene of ambition, would lessen the value of such rewards granted for good conduct, and would lead to consequences highly prejudicial:

That the committee, having thus stated that the measure is contrary to the policy of the island, now beg leave to offer their opinion respecting its tendency and ill effects:

All free people of colour are required by law to be enrolled in the militia, and this description of men composes a very considerable part of our natural strength and protection; to draw them from that service, for the purpose of embodying them as regulars, would afford no additional strength, while at the same time a very considerable expence would be incurred for their subsistence; and, as this regiment may be ordered to serve in other parts of the West-Indies, in such event the force of this island will be considerably diminished:

The free people of colour, whilst they remain enrolled in the militia, preserve the ideas of colonial subordination, under which they have been brought up, and are actuated by a sense of common interest; whereas, if they should be embodied as regulars, they would entertain notions of equality, and acquire habits pernicious to the welfare of the country:

Extensive tracts in the interior parts of this island remaining unsettled, and in which there are many fastnesses of very difficult approach, the committee are of opinion, that great danger will arise from deserters; who, after being disciplined, will repair, with their arms, to such fastnesses; where, being joined by ill disposed fugitive slaves, they will become enemies of a most dangerous description:

That the committee have to regret, that his majesty's confidential servants should find, that the keeping up a force competent for the defence of this island, by recruits from Europe, is difficult and uncertain, but, however great our danger may be, and the committee acknowledge it to be imminent, they are of opinion, that the assembly of Jamaica ought to refuse to concur in the measure proposed:

That the committee beg leave to state, that they are fully sensible of the great advantages which this country has derived from his lordship's exertions and administration; but, at the same time, they think it necessary to declare, that the deliberations of the house of assembly can be influenced by no other motive, than by a sense of their duty to their king and country:

And that the committee observe, with great satisfaction, the readiness expressed by his majesty's confidential servants, to make exertions in behalf of this important colony; but lament infinitely, that it should remain, at this time, in so defenceless a state.

Resolved, *nem. con.* That the house do agree to the report.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of Falmouth, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioners are of opinion, that the fort erected for the defence of the town and harbour of Falmouth, now known by the name of Fort-Balcarres, is inadequate for its protection, and ineligible by situation:

"That the removal of said fort would be of great utility to the town of Falmouth; and, in support of such opinion, the petitioners offer the following reasons:

"First, if an attempt should be made by an enemy, to enter the channel leading into the harbour of Falmouth, the guns at Fort-Balcarres, represented in captain Schroeeter's plan of the town, by the letter A, cannot be opposed to the enemy, nor enfilade the channel, without damage to our shipping, which is fully elucidated by said plan; this inconvenience will be obviated by the new fort, proposed to be erected on the point of land represented by the letter B, in said plan:

" In moderate weather, an enemy may bring to, or anchor, without the harbour, to the eastward of said channel, as at G, and batter the ships in the harbour, without bringing a single gun to bear on the enemy from Fort-Balcarres, as our shipping would intercept the shot; in like manner an enemy may lay to, or anchor, without the harbour, to leeward of the channel, as at F, and cannonade both town and shipping, without being incommoded by the guns from Fort-Balcarres, as the buildings on Trelawny wharf would intercept the shot, and effectually screen the enemy; those inconveniencies will be obviated by the new fort, proposed on the point of land represented by the letter B, in said plan:

" Fort-Balcarres, by the increase of buildings in the town of Falmouth, is situated nearly in the center of said town, and is considered as a public nuisance; is rendered unhealthy by its confined limits, containing no more than 14,300 square feet; whereas the area of the lot of land intended for the new fort, contains 92,800 square feet, particularly distinguished as the most healthy situation in the town, and affording sufficient room for a fort, barracks, hospital, magazine, parade, and every necessary appendage for a fort:

" For some time past, and at the present period, the parish of Trelawny is at a considerable annual expence, in hiring of a magazine and hospital for the use of the garrison of Fort-Balcarres, there not being sufficient space to erect the same within the limits of said fort.

" That the proprietor of the land, whereon the new fort is proposed to be erected, hath offered to exchange the same for the ground whereon Fort-Balcarres, and the officers house, now stand, and also to give the sum of 500*l.* towards erecting the new fort and offices; which the petitioners deem an advantageous bargain for the public, if such proposal is embraced."

Ordered, That the above petition do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Osborn took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Osborn, from the committee, reported one resolution; which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read, was agreed unto by the house, and is as follows:

That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, requesting that he will be pleased to lay before the house, the last returns of the militia in this island:

Then Mr. Osborn acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved, That this house will again, on Tuesday morning next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“ We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to lay before the house, the last returns of the militia in this island.”

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart and Mr. Fitch be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the house.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the house, he had his honour the lieutenant-governor's leave to adjourn the house, from time to time, as they should think proper.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Martis, 1^o die Augusti, 1797.

RESOLVED, That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, with a copy of the report made to the house, on Friday last, from the committee to whom his honour's first message of the 26th ultimo, and the papers therewith sent, were referred:

Ordered, That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“ We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you a copy of a report, from the committee to whom your honour's first message of the 26th ultimo, and the papers therewith sent, were referred; and to which report the house have unanimously agreed.”

Ordered, That Mr. Shirlev and Mr. Taylor be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Redwood, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill to repeal the fifth clause of an act passed in the year 1791, entitled, “ An act for the further regulation of the service and execution of process, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the supreme court of judicature to grant special juries, and also commissions for the examination of witnesses *de bene esse*, directed to such persons as they shall think fit; for repealing an act, passed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, ‘ An act empowering any one of the judges of the supreme court of judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving this island, in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery

recovery of debts actually in suit, in the same manner as if such examination had been taken and returned under the seal of the city of London, pursuant to an act of parliament passed in the fifth year of the reign of George the second; and for empowering the judges of the said supreme court of judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving the island, during the vacation between the sitting of the said supreme court; for granting a daily subsistence to crown witnesses confined in gaol for want of security; and for other purposes in the said act mentioned;" and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered, That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Two messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

First message.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to inform the house, that having received intelligence of an extraordinary influx of foreigners to this island, within a short period, his honour earnestly recommends it to the house, to revise the several acts of the legislature relative to people of that description, and to make such alterations and amendments, as the house may in its wisdom think necessary at the present crisis."

Second message.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, in conformity to their message of the 28th ultimo, a general return of the militia of Jamaica, taken in the year 1796, being the last general return."

A GENERAL

A GENERAL RETURN OF THE MILITIA OF JAMAICA.

VOTES OF THE ASSEMBLY.

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	OFFICERS.										Non-commissioned officers, privates, &c.				
	COMMISSIONED.					STAFF.					WHITES.				
	Colonels.	Lieutenant-colonels.	Major.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Cornets & ensigns.	Chaplains.	Adjutants.	Quartermasters.	Surgeons.	Alates.	Serjeants.	Trumpets & drums.	Rank and file.	TOTAL.
His honour major-general the EARL OF BALCARRES, commander in chief.	1	2	3	12	17	8		1	9	1	9	22	8	320	413
MILITIA STAFF.	2	2	3	11	20	14		3	13	1	14	24	3	328	438
Col. M-Anuff, adjutant-general	2	3	3	8	17	8		5	5	1	0	18	2	317	408
Lieutenant colonel Farner, deputy adjutant-general	1	5	7	9	31	54	30	9	37	3	32	64	13	925	1259
Colonel George Murray, quartermaster-general															
Lieut. col. Robert Shaw, deputy quartermaster-general															
Colonel James Lewis, judge-advocate-general															
CAVALRY.															
Eastern division, or Surrey regiment	1	2	2	15	33	12	1	1	2	2	2	29		360	707
Middlesex division, or Middlesex regiment	1	1	1	2	6	12	4	1	1	2	2	9		102	262
Western division, or Cornwall regiment	1	1	1	1	4	6	5	1	2	1	2	7		54	182
INFANTRY.															
SURREY.—Five regiments	1	2	2	11	23	12	1	1	2	2	14	23	6	252	483
Kingston, two battalions	1	1	2	4	8	4	1	1	1	1	2	5	3	75	140
St. Andrew's															
Port-Royal															
St. Thomas in the East and St. David's															
Portland															
MIDDLESEX.—Five regiments	3	3	6	17	32	21	1	2	2	2	4	16		248	845
St. Catherine's, three battalions	2	4	3	16	18	25	2	2	3	2	7	31		447	708
St. Mary's and St. George's, two battalions	1	1	2	9	22	8	1	1	2	2	8	12	4	186	376
Clarendon	1	2	2	6	10	5	1	1	1	1	4	12		90	224
Vere	1	1	1	13	14	8	1	1	2	1	4	10	1	185	404
St. Ann's	1	5	11	14	61	96	67	6	6	10	8	27	5	1150	2557
CORNWALL.—Five regiments	1	1	2	11	8	6			1	1	3	18		166	462
St. Elizabeth's	1	2	2	10	16	10	1	2	1	1	4	19	1	213	341
Westmorland	1	2	2	9	17	5	1	1	1	1		16		102	266
Hanover	1	1	2	10	22	9	1	1	1	1	4	38		384	564
St. James's	1	2	1	10	19	8	1	1	1	1	5	18	4	336	474
Trelawny	5	8	0	50	82	38	3	5	5	3	25	100	5	1261	2116

Note. The artillery companies, mounted grenadiers, &c. are incorporated with the infantry.

Total

VOTES OF THE ASSEMBLY.

Total of cavalry	-	-	-	1259
Number of infantry in Surrey	-	-	-	1864
Number of infantry in Middlesex	-	-	-	2557
Number of infantry in Cornwall	-	-	-	2116
Total of infantry	-	-	-	6537
Total of the militia of Jamaica	-	-	-	7796

Dated this 18th day of March, 1796.

JOHN CLINTON McANUFF, adjutant-general.

A COMPARATIVE STATE of the MILITIA of JAMAICA in 1792, and 1796.

By colonel McDonald's return, dated to 13 th day of January, 1792, the total of the militia of Jamaica, was	-	-	-	8172
By colonel McAnuff's return, dated the 18 th day of March, 1796, the total number is	-	-	-	7796
Deficiency in 1796	-	-	-	376

It both returns the deficiencies are stated thus:

By colonel McDonald, the cavalry is stated at	-	-	-	911
By colonel McAnuff, at	-	-	-	1042
Additional strength in 1796, in horse	-	-	-	131
	-	-	-	1042

WHITES.

By col. McDonald, the white infantry in Surrey, is stated at	1427
Middlesex, at	1430
Cornwall, at	1579—1436
By col. McAnuff, the white infantry in Surrey, is stated at	925
Middlesex, at	1242
Cornwall, at	1375—3542

Decrease in whites	894
Allow for the additional strength in cavalry	131

Decrease in white strength	-
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ABSTRACT of

White cavalry	-
White infantry	-
Brown infantry	-
Black infantry	-

Including artillery and mounted corps

BROWNS.

The brown infantry in Surrey, is stated at	316
Middlesex, at	631
Cornwall, at	417—1384
The brown infantry in Surrey, at	417
In Middlesex	613
In Cornwall	527

Increase in browns	1557
	173
	1557

BLACKS.

The black infantry in Surrey, at	174
Middlesex, at	337
Cornwall, at	73—584
The black infantry in Surrey, at	297
In Middlesex	368
In Cornwall	79

Increase in blacks	744
	160
	744

ABSTRACT of EFFECTIVE STRENGTH of the MILITIA, this 18th day of March, 1796.

White cavalry	1042
White infantry	3542
Brown infantry	1557
Black infantry	744
Including artillery and mounted corps	6885

JOHN CLINTON McANUFF, adjutant-general militia.

Ordered, That the above two messages, and return, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for establishing regulations respecting persons of a certain description, arriving in this island or resident therein, in certain cases;

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Irving, be a committee for that purpose.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Mercurii, 2^o die Augusti, 1797.

THE bill to repeal the fifth clause of an act, passed in the year 1791, entitled. “ An act for the further regulation of the service and execution of process, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the supreme court of judicature to grant special juries, and also commissions for the examination of witnesses *de bene esse*, directed to such persons as they shall think fit; for repealing an act, passed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, ‘ An act empowering any one of the judges of the supreme court of judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving this island, in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in suit, in the same manner as if such examination had been taken and returned under the seal of the city of London, pursuant to an act of parliament passed in the fifth year of the reign of George the second;’ and for empowering the judges of the said supreme court of judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving the island, during the vacation between the sitting of the said supreme court; for granting a daily subsistence to crown witnesses confined in gaol for want of security; and for other purposes in the said act mentioned;” and for other purposes, was read a second time:

Resolved, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, this day.

Mr. Shirley, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for establishing regulations respecting persons of a certain description, arriving in this island or resident therein, in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered, That the said bill be read a second time, this day.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met,

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The bill for establishing regulations respecting persons of a certain description, arriving in this island or resident therein, in certain cases, was read a second time :

Resolved, That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to repeal the fifth clause of an act passed in the year 1791, entitled, ‘ An act for the farther regulation of the service and execution of process, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal ; for empowering the supreme court of judicature to grant special juries, and also commissions for the examination of witnesses *de bene esse*, directed to such persons as they shall think fit ; for repealing an act, passed in the year of our Lord 1779, entitled, ‘ An act empowering any one of the judges of the supreme court of judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving this island, in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in suit, in the same manner as if such examination had been taken and returned under the seal of the city of London, pursuant to an act of parliament passed in the fifth year of the reign of George the second,’ and for empowering the judges of the said supreme court of judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving the island, during the vacation between the sitting of the said supreme court ; for granting a daily subsistence to crown witnesses confined in gaol for want of security ; and for other purposes in the said act mentioned,” and for other purposes :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Redwood took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Redwood, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, without making any amendment thereto :

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed.

A motion being made, that the receiver-general do, out of any monies in his hands unappropriated, pay to James Lewis, esquire, clerk to the house, the sum of 300*l*. for his extraordinary trouble, attendance, and expences, during the present session ; and that this or any future assembly will make good the same ;

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

A motion being made, that the receiver-general do, out of any monies in his hands unappropriated, pay to Benjamin Lyon, esq. i.e., sergeant at arms attending this house, the sum of 100*l*. for his extraordinary trouble and attendance during the present session ; and that this or any future assembly will make good the same ;

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Resolved, That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to inform his honour,

honour, that the town and port of Montego-Bay, and other out-ports, are in great danger from sundry prisoners of war remaining there, for want of prisons and places of safety to keep them in; and requesting, that his honour will please to make use of the speediest means in his power, for removing so great a nuisance.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Actis, 3^o die Augusti, 1797.

THE engrossed bill to repeal the fifth clause of an act, passed in the year 1791, entitled, "An act for the further regulation of the service and execution of process, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the supreme court of judicature to grant special juries, and also commissions for the examination of witnesses *de bene esse*, directed to such persons as they shall think fit; for repealing an act, passed in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, entitled, 'An act empowering any one of the judges of the supreme court of judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving this island, in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in suit, in the same manner as if such examination had been taken and returned under the seal of the city of London, pursuant to an act of parliament passed in the fifth year of the reign of George the second;' and for empowering the judges of the said supreme court of judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving the island, during the vacation between the sitting of the said supreme court; for granting a daily subsistence to crown witnesses confined in gaol for want of security; and for other purposes in the said act mentioned;" and for other purposes, was read the third time:

Resolved, That the said bill do pass:

Ordered, That Mr. Redwood and Mr. Lyon be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Ordered, That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to inform you, that the town and port of Montego-Bay, and other out-ports, are in great danger from sundry prisoners of war remaining there, for want of prisons and places of safety to keep them in; and to request that your honour will be pleased to make use of the speediest means in your power, for removing so great a nuisance."

Ordered, That Mr. Perry and Mr. Stewart be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the house.

Five messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows :

First message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant governor to lay before the house, the copy of a letter from his grace the duke of Portland, dated 6th May, 1797, and also its enclosure, being the resolution of the house of commons of Great-Britain, bearing date 6th April, 1797; and his honour recommends the subject-matter of those papers to the particular attention and consideration of the house.

[Circular.]

‘ Whitehall, 6th May, 1797.

‘ MY LORD,

‘ I have received his majesty’s commands, to transmit to your lordship the enclosed resolution of the house of commons, of the 6th of April last, respecting the negroes in his majesty’s plantations in the West-Indies; and to signify to you his royal pleasure, that you should take the earliest opportunity of communicating it to the council and assembly of the island of Jamaica, to whose particular attention and consideration, you will recommend the formation of such a system of measures, as may appear to them best suited to the attainment of the several important objects, which are specified in the resolution: Your lordship will not fail to transmit to me, from time to time, accounts of the proceedings of the legislature of your island, in consequence of this communication; and I desire you will take care, in your first dispatches to inform me, whether any measures have been already taken by the legislature of the island, which may tend to promote the purposes expressed by the resolution of the house of commons; and you will also be attentive at all times, to avail yourself of every opportunity of cultivating and improving the disposition you observe in the planters and inhabitants, to promote the humane and beneficent views, which the legislature of this kingdom has so eminently manifested, in the resolution which is herewith transmitted to you.

‘ I am, MY LORD, your lordship’s most obedient humble servant,

(Signed)

‘ PORTLAND.

‘ Lieutenant-governor of Jamaica.’

‘ Jovis, 6^o die Aprilis, 1797.

‘ Resolved, That an humble address be presented to his majesty, requesting that his majesty will be graciously pleased, to give directions to the governors of his majesty’s plantations in the West Indies, to recommend to the respective councils and assemblies of the said plantations, to adopt such measures as shall appear to them best calculated to obviate the causes, which have hitherto impeded the natural increase of the negroes already in the islands, gradually to diminish the necessity of the slave-trade, and ultimately to lead to its complete termination; and particularly, with a view to the same effect, to employ such means as may conduce to the moral and religious improvement of the negroes, and secure to them, throughout all the British West-India islands, the certain, immediate, and active protection of the law; and at the same time assuring his majesty, that this house will concur in such measures, as shall appear requisite to be taken by this house, for the attainment of the same object.”

Second message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant governor to inform the house, that his majesty has been graciously pleased to augment the pay of his troops throughout his dominions, and to direct that those who are serving in this island should be entitled to the additional

additional pay, from the 25th of May last inclusive: His honour, conceiving that the House will readily adopt this just and salutary provision for the 20th light dragoons, has directed me to lay before the house a copy of a letter, which he has received from the secretary at war, dated 12th June last, with its several enclosures; and also an official return of the number of non-commissioned officers and privates of the above regiment, with an estimate of the additional expence *per diem*.

‘ MY LORD,

War-Office, 12th June, 1797.

‘ I send enclosed herewith some printed copies of the orders given by his royal highness the duke of York, relative to an addition which his majesty has been pleased to make, to the pay and allowances of each non-commissioned officer, trumpeter, drummer, and private man, of the cavalry and infantry stationed at home.

‘ His majesty has, at the same time, been pleased to grant the like nett additions to the pay and allowances of the troops serving abroad; namely, two pence a-day to the pay and allowance of each trumpeter, drummer, fifer, and private man; two pence halfpenny to the pay of each corporal; and three pence a-day to the pay of each serjeant.

‘ In consequence of these additions, the pay of the troops serving in Jamaica, who are found in provisions without expence to themselves, is to be issued from the 25th May last inclusive, agreeably to the rates specified in the enclosed states.

‘ The pay of the men will however be borne on the establishment, at the same rates as for the troops at home; and, in situations abroad, where they find the whole of their provisions at their own expence, they will receive their pay at those rates which are mentioned in the printed orders.

‘ I have the honour to be, MY LORD, your lordship’s most obedient humble servant,

(Signed)

‘ WM. WINDHAM.

• *Major-general earl Balcarres, &c. &c. &c.*

Adjutant-general’s office, 25th May, 1797.

• **GENERAL ORDERS for the DRAGON GUARDS, DRAGOONS, and FENCIBLE CAVALRY.**

‘ Whereas, over and above the provision made for clothing, for Chelsea Hospital, for lodging, and for medical assistance, and likewise over and above the allowance of beer and other articles provided in barracks and quarters, and of bread provided at a reduced rate in camp, the private dragoon of the line serving at home, heretofore received the pay of eight pence *per day*, which, together with the sum of three pence farthing *per day*, granted to him by his majesty’s warrant for establishing and consolidating certain other allowances lately given him, amounts to the sum of eleven pence farthing.

‘ His majesty having been graciously pleased to take the same into his consideration, is pleased to direct, that under the following regulations, there shall, from the 25th of this present month of May, be paid to each private dragoon, in addition to the said sum of eleven pence farthing, the further sum of three pence three farthings, making, in the whole, the sum of fifteen pence daily. Out of this advance of pay, the soldier is to defray the extra expence of bread and meat, now paid by the public, which, at present, amounts on an average, to the sum of one penny three farthings; so that the nett increase of allowance now given to each soldier, will be two pence *per diem*.

‘ With respect to the disbursement of this fifteen-pence *per day*, his majesty has been pleased to order that a sum, not exceeding four shillings and six pence *per week*, shall be applied towards the expence of the soldier’s mess (including vegetables, &c.), unless he himself shall chuse to appropriate a further part of his pay to that purpose.

‘ That a sum not exceeding two shillings and seven pence halfpenny *per week*, shall be retained for necessaries, to be accounted for as usual, monthly.

‘ That

‘ That the remainder of his pay, amounting to nineteen-pence farthing *per* week, shall be paid to the soldier, subject to the accustomed deduction for washing, and articles for cleaning his clothes and appointments.

‘ And his majesty, out of his royal bounty, is further pleased to order and direct, for the benefit of the soldier, that in camp he shall receive the sum of five pence farthing *per* week, being the difference between the allowance, and value of bread and beer in quarters, and the ordinary increased supply of bread in camp.

‘ That if meat, of the quality proper to be provided for him, should exceed the price of six pence *per* pound, or bread of the household quality, the price of three halfpence *per* pound, such extra price shall be allowed by the public, for a quantity not exceeding three quarters of a pound of meat, and one pound of bread, *per* day, *per* man.

‘ That when any soldier shall, with the approbation of his commanding officer, provide himself with lodging, and with the several articles to which his billet would entitle him, he shall receive the same allowance as the publican would have been entitled to, under such billet.

‘ His majesty is further pleased to order, that the pay and allowances to a trumpeter shall be daily, nineteen pence.

‘ That the pay and allowance to a corporal shall be daily, nineteen pence halfpenny.

‘ That the pay and allowance to a serjeant, shall be daily, two shillings and two pence.

‘ Field-marshal the duke of York, is happy to announce the king’s gracious intentions towards the whole of his army.

‘ His royal highness rests assured, that these new instances of the liberality of parliament, and of his majesty’s paternal care, will rivet that affection for their king and country, which has ever been the pride of the British soldier, and that a continuance in steady discipline and honourable conduct, will merit those gracious favours that have been repeatedly shewn them.

‘ On this occasion his royal highness cannot but add, that however incredible it may appear, that there should exist a wretch so lost to honour and humanity, as to league with the enemy, and to aim at the utter ruin of his country, yet there are certainly many desperate persons who have persevered in methodizing treachery and sedition, and who, under specious and delusive pretences, taking the advantage of unguarded moments, have endeavoured to seduce soldiers from their duty, and render them accomplices in their treasons, the direct object of which is, universal confusion and rapine, and the overthrow of that happy system of religion and government, secured to us by the blood of our ancestors, and which, for so many ages, has rendered Britain the admiration and envy of the world.

‘ His royal highness is convinced, that the love and attachment of the soldier to his king and country, are firm and unshaken; and that, holding in abhorrence all base and scandalous attempts to shake his loyalty and true affection, every good soldier will repel with indignation, the instigators of such wickedness, and glory in any opportunity of exposing them to the exemplary justice of their insulted country.

‘ *By command of field-marshal his royal highness the duke of York,*

‘ WILLIAM FAWCETT, *adjutant-general.*’

‘ *A State of the PAY of the non-commissioned officers and men of a regiment of dragoons, serving abroad, from 25th May, 1797, inclusive.*

		s.	d.	<i>Augmented per diem,</i>	
				s.	d.
‘ Serjeant	{ subsistence	1	6		
	{ additional pay	0	3	1	9
‘ Corporal	{ subsistence	1	0		
	{ additional pay	0	2½	1	2½
		‘ Trumpeter			

		s.	d.		s.	d.
' Trumpeter	{ subsistence	1	0	}	1	2
	{ additional pay	0	2			
' Private man	{ subsistence	0	8	}	0	10
	{ additional pay	0	2			

' A RETURN of the number of serjeants, corporals, trumpeters, and privates, borne on the establishment of the 20TH, or JAMAICA, regiment of LIGHT DRAGOONS, 3d August, 1797.

' Number of serjeants	-	-	-	-	18
' Ditto of corporals	-	-	-	-	18
' Ditto of trumpeters	-	-	-	-	6
' Ditto of privates	-	-	-	-	264

AN. GOULD, A. M. B.

' Amount of ADDITIONAL PAY to be provided for :

				l.	s.	d.
' 18 serjeants, at 3d. per diem	-	-	-	0	4	6
' 18 corporals, at 2½d. per diem	-	-	-	0	3	9
' 6 trumpeters, at 2s. per diem	-	-	-	0	1	0
' 264 privates, at 2d. per diem	-	-	-	2	4	0
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' Total sterling, per diem	-			2	13	3."
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Third message.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, the hospital accounts of the 20th light dragoons, and 65d regiment, by which it will appear, that these regiments have respectively incurred a debt upon such account: His honour directs me to say, that he is sorry to inform the house, that all the other regiments in the island are in a similar situation :

" The surgeon of his majesty's forces has written his honour a letter, in explanation of the causes of those debts; which letter, with the statement referred to, his honour directs me to lay before the house, earnestly requesting their most serious consideration of the subject."

Statement of monies received and paid, on account of his majesty's 20TH, or JAMAICA, regiment of LIGHT DRAGOONS, from 24th January, to 21st July, 1797, inclusive.

Num. of men in hospital monthly.		Monthly expenditure.	£.	s.	d.
72	25th January, and 24th February	- - -	262	2	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
50	25th February, and 24th March	- - -	188	7	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
58	25th March, and 21st April	- - -	201	5	2
38	22d April, and 19th May	- - -	107	3	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
34	20th May, and 16th June	- - -	86	15	6
58	17th June, and 21st July	- - -	162	17	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
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			1008	10	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

For what time.		Monthly credits.	£.	s.	d.
February,	72 mens. rations, at 8s. 9d. per week, 1l. 15s. per month	-	126	0	0
March,	5 ditto, ditto, ditto	- - -	87	10	0
April,	58 ditto, ditto	- - -	101	10	0
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			G May		

					£.	s.	d.
May,	38	mens rations, at 8s. 9d. per week, 1l. 15s. per month	-	-	66	10	0
June,	34	ditto, ditto	-	-	59	10	0
July,	38	ditto, ditto	-	-	66	10	0
<i>Num. of men</i>							
	72	Amount of macaronies, 1st month	-	-	24	0	0
	50	Ditto, ditto, 2d	-	-	16	13	4
	58	Ditto, ditto, 3d	-	-	19	6	8
	58	Ditto, ditto, 4th	-	-	12	13	4
	34	Ditto, ditto, 5th	-	-	11	6	8
	38	Ditto, ditto, 6th	-	-	12	13	4
Strength 6 months.	290	Average, 287 men for six months, at four dollars per year, 13s. 4d. half-yearly	-	-	191	6	8
	284		-	-			
	294		-	-			
	285		-	-			
	285		-	-			
	287		-	-			
		Hospital in debt to 21st July	-	-	213	0	4½
	1725				1008	10	4½

G. ANSON, major commanding 20th lig't dragons.

Dr. 63d REGIMENT hospital, from 25th January to 24th April.

	£	s	d.
1797.			
To bill for vegetables, from 25th January to 24th April	60	15	6
To ditto beef, from 25th January, 1797, ditto	132	13	0
To ditto bread, ditto ditto	215	10	10
To ditto wine, &c. ditto ditto	290	4	2
To amount of articles from old account	19	16	5
To cash paid hospital, Spanish-Town	56	12	9
To ditto ditto, Kingston	7	11	4½
To ditto ditto, Stoney-Hill	90	7	7½
To cash paid fergeant Ivery, for sick	8	0	0
	881	11	8

	Cr.	£.	s.	d.
1797.				
By island allowance, from 25th January to 24th April, 1797, at 6s. 8d. per quarter	168	12	1	
By allowance for sick rations to ditto	472	7	6	
By stoppages at 1s. 8d. per week, from men in hospital	89	8	2	
By balance	151	3	11	
	881	11	8	

ROBERT BRERETON, lieutenant-colonel 63d regiment.

The particulars of the above expenditures will be seen, by referring to the accounts accompanying this return; with which is also sent the several hospital diet tables, as a further voucher.

From the number and malignant state of the sick of the 63d regiment, brought from windward, the hospital fund of the regiment has incurred a debt of 98l. 11s. 1d. previous to the above period, since their arrival in Jamaica, on the former hospital establishment; which

which accounts will be submitted to the commander in chief, hoping that his lordship will be pleased to direct them to be laid before the house of assembly, or order that the regiment may be reimbursed.

ROBERT BRERETON.

MY LORD,

Spanish-Town, August 1, 1797.

I have the honour to submit to your lordship's examination, a statement of the expenditure of hospitals in Jamaica, and also average statements of his majesty's military hospitals in the West-Indies, and of the hospitals in Jamaica, with the intention of explaining the cause of the debts of these last, and in the hope that these inconveniencies may be removed.

I have the honour to be, with much respect, your lordship's obedient humble servant,
CHAS. LIND, *surgeon to the forces.*

To the right honourable Alexander earl of Essex, commander in chief, &c. &c. &c.

<i>No. 1. Diet for a person recovering, on the lowest estimation.</i>							<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
A pound of bread (regimental price)	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	6
Half a pound of beef	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	6
A pint of porter	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	7½
Vegetables	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2
Coffee, sugar, and rice, and sugar for spruce beer	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	4
Salt, herbs, limes, vinegar, and milk	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2
Walling, wood, candles or oil, and soap, to each man's daily share	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	3½
<i>Calculated at 5 s. a week for linen, and ditto bedding; candles, half a pound per night; wood, three bitts per day; and supposing thirty men in hospital</i>								
Additional for each man, for salary of servants and wear of clothes	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	2½
<i>See a compendious statement in No. 3.</i>							2	9½

No. 2. Expenses incurred by a man in the same circumstances, in his majesty's hospital.
Provisions, &c. as above. but usually on full diet a pound of beef is allowed, and a bottle of porter, or from two to four gills of wine
Wear of hospital clothing, wrapper, shirt, trowsers, and night-cap; also wear of bedding

Salaries of servants for an hospital of 100 men.

	<i>Stell.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Steward	-	3	0
Ward-master	-	1	6
Barber	-	1	0
A nurse (at St. Domingo)	-	2	4½
10 orderly men, at 6d.	-	5	0
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12 10½ or 2d. currency to each man			

No. 3.

Expenditure as stated in the foregoing page.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
			Income on the former establishment	18 4
Daily	-	2	9½	
Weekly	-	19	6½	
Former establishment	-	18	4	

1 2½ deficient for one man in one week; or, in one year, for one man, 3l. 2s. 10d.

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The circumstance of sick patients not being able to consume the quantity marked, of bread and beef, is very little, if at all, in favour of the hospital fund, as such, with few exceptions, require wine, rowl, fish, cyder, &c.

The deficiency of the present reduced allowance, therefore, sufficiently accounts why the hospitals are in debt to the regiments, as will appear by the production of the accounts: The wear of stretchers, used in military hospitals in the West-Indies, is not included in the above statement, the board of works intending to supply the hospitals in town with them:

The above calculation is, I believe, just, as I have taken it on a low computation; it may be necessary to observe, that every charge in military hospitals, both general and regimental, except in Jamaica, is now paid on producing sufficient vouchers.

CHAS. LIND, *surgeon to the forces in Jamaica.*

Spanish-Town, August 1, 1797.

Fourth message.

“MR. SPEAKER,

“I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, a letter which he has received from the duke of Portland, bearing date the 12th June last, relative to the maroons at Nova-Scotia, together with the copy of sir John Wentworth’s letter, and the extract of his grace’s answer therein mentioned: His honour some time ago transmitted accounts, incidental to this business, to the commissioners of accounts, but is in possession of duplicates, which his honour is willing to communicate to the house, if the house is not already in possession of the former.

“MY LORD,

Whitehall, 12th June, 1797.

“I herewith transmit a copy of a letter from sir John Wentworth to me, on the subject of the maroons at Nova-Scotia, and an extract of mine to sir John Wentworth, in answer thereto; which, as your lordship is completely master of the subject, and of the terms upon which the maroons have been received into Nova-Scotia, it is unnecessary for me to say any thing further to your lordship, than to recommend to your attention, that necessary provision should be made by the legislature of the island, for the temporary subsistence of the maroons in Nova-Scotia, until such time as they shall be enabled to provide for themselves: This provision must of course diminish yearly, and I have no doubt but, through the endeavours of sir John Wentworth, to keep them constantly employed in the cultivation of their respective allotments of land, and in other works of industry, that a short period will suffice, to relieve Jamaica from a principal part of the expence: It is evident that this period would have been still shorter, had not the improper notions, and delusive expectations, stated in the enclosed letter, been held out to the maroons.

“I am, MY LORD, your lordship’s most obedient humble servant,

“*The earl of Balcarres, &c. &c. &c.*

PORTLAND.”

No. 44.

“MY LORD DUKE,

Halifax, Nova-Scotia. 7th May. 1797.

“Since I had the honour to write to your grace, *No. 41*, dated the 2nd April, 1797, Mr. Quarrell, commissary for settling the maroons in this province, has communicated to me a letter he has received from earl Balcarres, accompanied by a copy of a resolution of the house of assembly of Jamaica, providing for the expence of this measure till July next, and limiting the subsequent to 10*l.* per head, sterling; that is to say, men, women, and children; which will be very insufficient for the purpose: It is my duty humbly to represent to your grace, that a larger sum will be indispensably necessary for their aid and support, from July, 1797, to July, 1798, and to entreat your grace’s instructions thereupon: Mr. Quarrell intends proceeding to England, on his own private affairs, in August next;

next; he is fully sensible, that the sum proposed by the house of assembly in Jamaica is greatly inadequate, nor will it be possible for them to remain in this province, without a more ample and longer continued support, which must be dispensed to their various cases and wants, with an ability and knowledge derived from experience; the want of which will delay the good effects intended, although resulting from an upright exercise of the best intentions and zeal in their interests: They have not yet overcome the apprehension caused by the extreme rigorous and unusually long winter, and backward spring, which has only this day given any pleasant warmth; and both together have been three months longer than has been known since the settlement of Halifax, in the year 1749: Added to this, they unfortunately got an idea among them, of being embodied as soldiers for the Cape of Good Hope and India, with their women and children, *where, they say, give us arms and ammunition, and put us on shore, we will make room for ourselves*; that is, they will murder and plunder the inhabitants, if they could only live in the woods all the year round: These impressions, for the present, a little unlinges their good dispositions to labour, but I trust will subside by degrees: They still attend public worship on Sundays, and twice a week they go to the clergyman, for explanations and instructions on the service of the preceding Sunday; and the children constantly at school, learning to read and write, with decency and diligence: I am, therefore, induced to entreat your grace's favour towards the support of the missionary or chaplain, and schoolmaster, which I had the honour to solicit in my letter, No. 41, amounting, in the whole, to 24*sol.* *per annum*, sterling: The gentlemen have faithfully and usefully performed their duty, and continue resident therein, notwithstanding the apprehensions naturally excited by such a people. I am, &c.

His grace the duke of Portland.

J. WENTWORTH.

Extract of a letter from the duke of Portland to sir John Wentworth, dated Whitehall, 12th June, 1797.

'I have attentively considered the several circumstances you have stated, relative to the maroons, in No. 41 and 44, and can easily conceive, that the singular length and severity of the late winter, joined to the delusive hopes very improperly held out to them, of serving as a corps at the Cape of Good Hope, instead of preparing them for a mode of life so different in all its functions from that to which they have been accustomed, must have made an impression on their minds, extremely unfavourable to the plan laid down for their becoming gradually domesticated in the settlement allotted to them. The first thing, therefore, to be done, is to set them right in regard to the strange and irregular notions which have been insinuated amongst them, of serving at the Cape, and distinctly and unequivocally to explain to them the conduct they must pursue, and the duties they are on their parts to perform, within the colony, to render his majesty's great benevolence to them effectual to the ends and purposes for which it is intended: With respect to the expence which may be incurred on their account, until such time as they are able to provide for themselves (which, of course, you will endeavour to effect in the least possible space of time), the amount of it must be defrayed by the island of Jamaica, conformably to the intentions originally expressed by its legislature, at the time the Maroons were sent to Nova-Scotia: Should the commissary, therefore, who is now resident within your province, for the purpose of defraying those expences, and attending to the management of the maroons, be withdrawn, you are to take especial care that, previous to his departure, a proper arrangement be made for defraying the expences of the maroons, as no part of the charge on their account can possibly be borne by this country: I will apply to the bishop of London, for such an allowance, on account of the maroons, as you suggest, out of the fund destined for the civilization of negroes, if such a fund exists; but every other expence which has been, or may be, incurred by the settlement of the maroons in the province, will of course be to be defrayed by the island of Jamaica.'

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Halifax, June 10th, 1797.

MY LORD,

I am preparing to deliver up to sir John Wentworth, on the 22d of the ensuing month, my charge of the maroons, agreeably to the resolutions of the house of assembly, transmitted to me by your lordship as instructions; which, I have the happiness to say, he receives without reluctance: It is necessary I add, that in concluding this business, I find sir John Wentworth wishes every expence, that is possible to be incurred within my time, should be brought forward, in order to leave him totally clear; and, as it is of but little consequence to the island, I mean to admit it, wishing to leave him as easy and satisfied as possible, and so fully provided, that he may find no difficulty in accomplishing the business, on the plan which I conclude he has suggested, and our island has approved; it will be therefore proper, that the receiver-general should give a further credit on the vote, I cannot say to what precise sum; but suppose it should extend to 250*l.* sterling more, the whole extent of the last, I shall use no more than is necessary, and my accounts will shew the necessity of, and be the vouchers for; upon a confidence that he does so, I shall draw for what may be wanting.

I have the honour to remain your lordship's obedient servant,

Right honourable earl Balcarras.

W. D. QUARRELL."

Fifth message.

MR. SPEAKER,

I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, an account of the expenditure made in the hospital of the 63d regiment, from 6th December, 1796, to 24th January, 1797; and a memorial from Mr. Patrick Mitchell, surgeon to that regiment, explanatory of that expenditure; also an account of Sylvester Cotter, for supplies to a detachment of the 83d regiment, quartered at Falmouth."

Dr. 63D REGIMENT hospital, from 6th Dec. 1796, to 24th January, 1797.

To amount of fundry bills by doctor Mitchell, from 6th Dec. 1796, to 24th			£.	s.	d.
January, 1797, Kingston	-	-	605	1	3½
To amount of fundry bills by doctor Bayless, from 6th December, 1796, to					
24th January, 1797, Stoney-Hill	-	-	242	18	1¼
To amount of Mr. Buchanan, by order of lieutenant-colonel Brereton, for					
hospital, to 24th January, 1797	-	-	64	10	5½
			9-2	9	10½

Contra,

Cr.

By island allowance for men in hospital at Up-Park, from 6th December,					
1796, to 24th January, 1797	-	-	-	-	604 7 6
By ditto ditto, Stoney-Hill	-	-	-	-	219 14 10¼
By credit, for articles in hand	-	-	-	-	19 16 5
Hospital debt, 24th January	-	-	-	-	98 11 1
			942	9	10½

MEMORIAL of PATRICK MITCHELL, surgeon 63d regiment of foot, unto the right honourable ALEXANDER earl of BALCARRES, lieutenant governor and commander in chief, &c. &c.

Sheweth,

That your petitioner arrived at Port-Royal, Jamaica, with the 63d regiment, accompa-
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nied with a very numerous sick, labouring under malignant fevers, fluxes, and ulcerated legs: That 160 sick and lame were landed at Up-Park camp, the greater number of whom were ulcerated legs; and, from the distressed situation in which they were, and having been for a long time without being able to procure necessaries, to supply them in such a low situation, it became requisite to give regular supports and comforts to the men; that, by degrees, a debt of 68*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.* was accumulated:

That, from the obstinate and incurable state of many of their sores, thirteen underwent the operation of amputation; eleven of whom are alive, and embarked for Europe, without ever being troubled with fever, or spasmodic affections, during the cure: Of the two that died, one was from a dysentery, the other of dropsy:

That, to the liberal, but not wasteful, support and nourishment given to the men, and the cool and airy situation in which they were placed, may be attributed the great success of the different amputations:

That the healthy and effective men of the regiment, were ordered to Stoney-Hill; a few days after their arrival, numbers were taken ill of fevers, &c.

That, on account of such a number of men (this being an unprecedented case, the arriving of such a number of sick, in such a melancholy situation) the allowance of more than 18*s.* 1*d.* a week was necessary to supply their wants; on account of the deficiency, of which, the debt, viz. 68*l.* 11*s.* 1*d.* is accumulated:

That your petitioner, having gone on in as frugal a plan, as the nature and circumstances of men, placed in such a melancholy situation, would admit, begs your lordship would be pleased to lay this memorial before the honourable the house of assembly, that the said debt may be taken into consideration, and liquidated:

And for which your memorialist will ever be bound to pray.

PATRICK MITCHELL, *surgeon 63d regiment.*

THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,

Falmouth.

To SYLVESTER COTTER, *Dr.*

To supplying a detachment of his majesty's 83d regiment, quartered here, with wood and water, from the 15th September, 1796, to the 27th February, 1797, being 165 days.

	<i>£.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To two horses, a cart, and puncheon, wear and tear, carrying water, 20 <i>s.</i>	165	0	0
To two negroes attending ditto, 5 <i>s.</i>	41	5	0
To two ditto, cutting and splitting wood, 5 <i>s.</i>	41	5	0
To one horse and cart, wear and tear, carrying wood, 10 <i>s.</i>	82	10	0
To one negro attending ditto, 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	20	12	6
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	350	12	6
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I do certify, that Sylvester Cotter did supply the detachment of the 83d regiment, quartered at Fort-Balcarras, with wood and water.

WILLIAM GODLEY, *lieutenant-colonel 83d regiment.*

JOHN GAYNEP,
EDW. KNOWLES,
JAS. SCARLETT *jun.*

Ordered, That the above messages, and the papers therewith sent, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

Then the house resolved itself into such committee:

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Osborn took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Osborn, from the committee, reported five resolutions; which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where the first resolution being again read, was agreed unto by the house, and is as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee to prepare an answer to his honour the lieutenant-governor's first message of this day:

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Cuthbert, and Mr. Osborn, be a committee for that purpose.

The second resolution being again read, is as follows:

2. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to inform him, that the house will, next session, provide for the additional pay and subsistence to the 20th regiment of light dragoons, from the 25th May last inclusive, agreeably to the new regulation in Great-Britain:

A motion being made, that the report be amended, by inserting the following words;

"Although contrary to the terms on which that regiment was originally received."

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put,

It passed in the negative.

And another motion being made, that the house do disagree to the report:

The house divided:

The ayes went forth:

Ayes, 6—Mr. Taylor, Mr. Christie, Mr. Stewart, Mr. P. Fuller, Mr. Osborn, and Mr. Fitch:

Noes, 23—Mr. Shirley, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Reid, Mr. Irving, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Perry, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Henry, Mr. R. Rofs, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. G. Fuller, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. W. Rofs, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Telfer, and Mr. Deans:

So it passed in the negative:

Resolved, That the house do agree to the report:

Then the 3d, 4th, and 5th resolutions being again read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

3. That

3. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to inform him, that the house cannot increase the allowance made to the regimental hospitals.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to inform him, that the house will, early next session, take into consideration his honour's message of this day, relating to the maroons in Nova-Scotia

5. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to inform him, that the house cannot, this session, enter into the merits of the accounts sent down to the house in his honour's fifth message of this day, the said accounts being of a private nature.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for establishing regulations respecting persons of a certain description, arriving in this island or resident therein, in certain cases:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Johnson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto; which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "An act for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisals against the enemy."

Ordered, That the receiver-general do, out of any monies in his hands unappropriated, pay to Thomas Wills, the sum of 25*l.* for his services and attendance on the house this session.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Allman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Monrois, 4^e die Augusti, 1797.

THE engrossed bill for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisals against the enemy, was read the third time:

Resolved, That the said bill do pass:

Ordered, That Mr. Henry and Mr. Johnson be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, appointed to prepare an answer to his honour the lieutenant governor's first message of yesterday, reported,

That it is the opinion of the committee, that a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, expressing our thanks for his lordship's early communication of the duke of Portland's dispatch of the 6th of May, signifying his majesty's commands to transmit to his lordship the resolution of the house of commons, of the 6th of April last, respecting the negro slaves in his majesty's plantations in the West-Indies; and stating to his lordship, that, as the calling together the assembly at this time was, upon an extraordinary emergency, at an unusual season of the year, and that, as the assembly will probably meet at the usual time for the dispatch of public business, they will then take under their most early deliberation, the resolution of the house of commons, which contains matters of the most serious importance to the colony, with all that particular attention and consideration which they demand.

Resolved, That the house do agree to the report.

Ordered, That the five following messages be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

First message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to inform you, that the house will, next session, provide for the additional pay and subsistence to the 20th regiment of light dragoons, from the 25th May last inclusive, agreeably to the new regulation in Great-Britain."

Second message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to inform you, that the house cannot increase the allowance made to the regimental hospitals."

Third message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to inform you, that the house will, early next session, take into consideration your honour's message of yesterday, relating to the maroons in Nova-Scotia."

Fourth message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to inform you, that the house

house cannot, this session, enter into the merits of the accounts sent down to the house in your honour's fifth message of yesterday, the said accounts being of a private nature."

Fifth message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, to express their thanks for your early communication of the duke of Portland's dispatch of the 6th of May, signifying his majesty's commands to transmit to your honour the resolution of the house of commons, of the 6th of April last, respecting the negro slaves in his majesty's plantations in the West-Indies, and to represent to your honour, that, as the calling together the assembly at this time was, upon an extraordinary emergency, at an unusual season of the year, and that, as the assembly will probably meet at the usual time for the dispatch of public business, they will then take under their most early deliberation the resolution of the house of commons, which contains matters of the most serious importance to the colonies, with all that particular attention and consideration which they demand."

Ordered, That Mr. Stewart and Mr. Christie be a committee to wait on his honour with the above messages; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The resolution moved in the house on Wednesday last, that the receiver-general do, out of any monies in his hands unappropriated, pay to James Lewis, esquire, clerk to the house, the sum of 300*l.* for his extraordinary trouble, attendance, and expences, during the present session, and that this or any future assembly will make good the same; having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

The resolution moved in the house on Wednesday last, that the receiver-general do, out of any monies in his hands unappropriated, pay to Benjamin Lyon, esquire, serjeant at arms attending this house, the sum of 100*l.* for his extraordinary trouble and attendance during the present session, and that this or any future assembly will make good the same; having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Ordered, That the secretary of this island do cause the bill entitled, "An act for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisals against the enemy," so soon as the same shall have passed all the branches of the legislature, to be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for four weeks.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the provost-marshal, commanding, in the king's name, the attendance of the whole house, in the council-chamber, immediately:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up; when his honour was pleased to give his assent to the following bills:

"An act to repeal the fifth clause of an act, passed in the year 1791, entitled, "An act for the further regulation of the service and execution of process, and the returns thereof, and rendering the duty of jurors more equal; for empowering the supreme court of judicature to grant special juries, and also commissions for the examination of witnesses *de bene esse*, directed to such persons as they shall think fit; for repealing an act, passed in the year

year of our Lord 1779. entitled. "An act empowering any one of the judges of the supreme court of judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving this island, in any action brought, or to be brought, for the recovery of debts actually in suit, in the same manner as if such examination had been taken and returned under the seal of the city of London, pursuant to an act of parliament passed in the fifth year of the reign of George the second;" and for empowering the judges of the said supreme court of judicature to take the examination of witnesses leaving the island, during the vacation between the sitting of the said supreme court; for granting a daily subsistence to crown witnesses confined in gaol for want of security; and for other purposes in the said act mentioned; and for other purposes:"

"An act for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisals against the enemy."

And then his honour was pleased to make the following speech :

"GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

"I lament extremely that certain military arrangements which were communicated to you, have not obtained your concurrence.

"MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

"The provision which you have made, for the additional pay to the 20th light dragoons, cannot fail of being highly acceptable to his majesty, and merits my warmest thanks.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

"As the affairs of Europe begin to wear a more cheerful aspect, it is probable that our spirits may soon be revived, by the opening prospect of peace; and I indulge myself in the pleasing hope, that, at our next meeting, I shall be able to congratulate you on the attainment of so great and desirable a blessing.

"I now, in his majesty's name, prorogue this general assembly, until Tuesday the twelfth day of September next."

END OF THE SECOND SESSION.

I N D E X.

ADDRESS, committee appointed to draw up an, in answer to the lieutenant-governor's speech, 3; reported, 4; committed, and reported with one amendment, 5; amendment offered to report from committee negatived, and address, with amendment, as reported, ordered to be engrossed, *ibid*; read and passed, 10; message to the lieutenant-governor to know when it shall be presented, 11; Mr. Speaker reports its having been presented, and his honour's answer, *ibid*.

ADJOURN, the lieutenant-governor's leave to, as the house shall think proper, communicated by Mr. Speaker, 15.

ALIENS. *Vide* PERSONS of a certain description.

ASSEMBLY meets, according to proclamation, 1. *Vide* HOUSE.

BARNETT, Samuel Whitehorne, esquire, returned a representative for Port-Royal, 2; attends, and takes the oaths and his seat, *ibid*.

BILLS. *Vide* PROCESS law; PERSONS of a certain description.

BLACK corps. *Vide* PERSONS of colour, corps of.

BLAKE, honourable William, speaker, death of, announced, 1; Mr. Speaker acquaints the house, that a new writ had been issued for the election of a member for Westmorland, in the room of, 2.

BUSINESS, private, house resolve to receive no, during the session, 11.

CAMPBELL, Donald, esquire, unanimously chosen Speaker, and is presented and approved, 1.

CLERK to the house, motion made for directing the receiver-general to pay 300*l*. to the, for his attendance and expences this session, 20; ordered to lie three days on the table, *ibid*; again read, and agreed to, 35.

COMMISSIONERS of correspondence, clerk to the, ordered to send to the house all their books, papers, &c. 4.

COMMITTEES, all standing, revived, 4.

COTTER, Sylvester, account of, for supplies to 83*d* regiment, sent down by the lieutenant-governor,

31; message sent to the lieutenant-governor, that the house cannot this session enter into the merits of the account of, it being of a private nature, 35.

DEDIMUS. *Vide* SPEAKER.

FALMOUTH. *Vide* FORT-Balcarres, *infra*.

FOREIGNERS, message from the lieutenant-governor, recommending a revision of the laws respecting, 16.

FORT-Balcarres, petition of the inhabitants of Falmouth, praying a removal of the situation of, 13; ordered to lie on the table, 14.

FOULKES, Mr. at the request of, his seat vacated, 5.

HERING, Mr. *Vide* LEAVE of absence.

HOSPITAL accounts of 20*th* light dragoons and 63*d* regiment, sent down by the lieutenant-governor, 25; message sent to the lieutenant-governor, that the house cannot increase the allowance made to the regimental hospitals, 34.

HOUSE vacates the seat of Mr. Foulks, 5; attends the lieutenant-governor on passing two bills, 35; is prorogued, 36. *Vide* ASSEMBLY; CLERK to the house; RULES.

— of commons. *Vide* NEGRO slaves.

INSTRUCTIONS to commanding officers of vessels having letters of marque, bill for enforcing the. *Vide* PERSONS of a certain description.

JOHNSON, William Ricketts, esquire, returned a representative for Westmorland, 2; attends, and takes the oaths and his seat, 4.

LAWS, original, secretary of the island ordered to send the, to the house, 4.

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LAWs respecting foreigners. *Vide* FOREIGNERS.

LEAVE of absence granted to Mr. Swaby, for twelve months, 3; to Mr. Murray, during the session, *ibid*; to Mr. Hering, for one week, *ibid*.

LETTERS of marque. *Vide* PERSONS of a certain description.

LEWIS, James, esquire. *Vide* CLERK to the house.

LIEUTENANT-governor. *Vide* ADDRESS; MILITIA; PRISONERS of war; SPEECH; TROOPS.

LIGHT dragoons, 20th regiment of, message from lieutenant-governor, with the copy of a letter from the secretary at war relative to additional pay to the, 23; message sent to the lieutenant-governor that the house will, next session, provide for the additional pay to the, from 25th May, 1797: 34. *Vide* HOSPITAL accounts.

LYON, Edmund Pusey, esquire, returned a representative for St. Catherine, 2; attends, and takes the oaths and his seat, 4.

—— Benjamin, esquire. *Vide* SERGEANT at arms.

MACLEOD, Alexander, esquire, attends, and takes the oaths and his seat for St. Dorothy, 2.

MAROONS at Halifax, message from the lieutenant-governor, with a letter from the duke of Portland, and its enclosures, relative to the, 28; message sent to the lieutenant-governor, that the house will, early next session, take into consideration his honour's message relating to the, 34.

MESSAGES from the lieutenant-governor, 5, 7, 9, 16, 22, 25, 28, 30.

MILITIA, message sent to the lieutenant-governor, requesting him to lay before the house the last returns of the, 15; returns sent down, 16.

MITCHELL, doctor Patrick, memorial of, with an account of hospital expenditure for 63d regiment, sent down by the lieutenant-governor, 30; message sent to the lieutenant-governor, that the house cannot, this session, enter into the merits of the memorial and account of, they being of a private nature, 35.

MURRAY, Mr. *Vide* LEAVE of absence.

NEGRO slaves in the West-Indies, message from the lieutenant-governor, with the copy of a letter from the duke of Portland, inclosing a resolution of the house of commons, respecting the, 22; message sent to the lieutenant-governor, that the house will, next session, take under their early deliberation, the resolution of the house of commons, sent down by his honour, 35.

PERSONS of colour, corps of, message from lieutenant-governor, with copies of a letter from the duke of Portland, and of its inclosure, relative to the establishment of, within this island, 5—7; referred to state of the island, 9; who recommend that the same be referred to a special committee,

ibid; report made, expressing the impolicy of the house concurring in the measure, 11; which is unanimously agreed to, 13; copy of report sent to lieutenant-governor, 15.

PERSONS of a certain description, committee appointed to bring in a bill for establishing regulations respecting, 19; read first time, *ibid*; read second time, and committed, 20; reported, with amendments, and ordered to be engrossed, and that the title be, "An act for enforcing the instructions given to all captains or commanding officers of ships and vessels, having letters of marque and reprisals against the enemy," 33; read third time, passed, and sent up, 34; ordered to be published in three newspapers, when passed into a law, 35; assented to, 36.

PETITION. *Vide* FORT-BALCARRES.

PRISONERS of war, message sent to the lieutenant-governor, informing him, that Montego-Bay and other out-ports are in great danger, for want of proper places to keep the, and requesting him to remedy the same, 21.

PRIVATE business. *Vide* BUSINESS.

PROCESS law, bill to repeal the fifth clause of the, moved for by a member, received, and read the first time, 15; read second time, and committed, 19; reported, without amendment, and ordered to be engrossed, 20; read third time, passed, and sent up, 21; assented to, 36.

RULES, those of the last session to be the standing, of the house this session, 2.

SECRETARY of the island. *Vide* LAWS, original. **SERGEANT** at arms, motion made for directing the receiver-general to pay 100*l*. to the, for his attendance this session, 20; ordered to lie three days on the table, *ibid*; again read, and agreed to, 35.

SIMCOE, lieutenant-general, message from the lieutenant-governor, with an extract of a letter from, inclosing the copy of another under the signature of Sonthonax, intimating a descent on this island by the brigands, 7; referred to state of the island 9.

SONTHONAX. *Vide* SIMCOE, lieutenant-general, *supra*.

SPEAKER, Donald Campbell, esquire, unanimously chosen, 1; presented, and approved, *ibid*; *dedimus* from the lieutenant-governor brought down, empowering the, to administer the oaths to such members as have not been already sworn, 2; reports the lieutenant-governor's speech on opening the session, *ibid*; lays before the house several letters from members, requesting leave of absence, 3; is to authorize any person to print the votes, 4; lays before the house a letter from Mr. Foulks, requesting that his seat may be vacated, 5; reports the delivery of the address, and the lieutenant-governor's answer, 11. *Vide* ADJOURN; BLAKE, the honourable William; WALLER, Matthew; WHITEHORNE, Samuel.

SPEECH of the lieutenant-governor, on opening the session, 2; committee appointed to prepare an address

address for, *ibid*; referred to the same committee, *ibid*; resolved to be taken into consideration in a committee of the whole house, 4; of the lieutenant-governor, on proroguing the assembly, 36.

STATE of the island, committee on the, report one resolution, 9; report one other resolution, 14; report five resolutions, 32.

SWABY, Mr. *Vide* LEAVE of absence.

TROOPS, return of the regular, in the island, sent down by the lieutenant-governor, 9. *Vide* HOSPITAL accounts; LIGHT dragoons.

VOTES, Mr. Speaker to authorize any person to print the, and no other person to print them, 4.

WALLEN, Matthew, esquire, Mr. Speaker acquaints the house that a new writ had been issued for the election of a member for Port-Royal, in the room of, deceased, 2.

WEDDERBURN, Mr. house informed of the death of. *Vide* WRIT of election.

WHITEHORNE, Samuel, esquire, Mr. Speaker acquaints the house that a new writ had been issued for the election of a member for St. Catherine, in the room of, deceased, 2.

WILLS, Thomas, the receiver-general directed to pay 25*l.* to, for his services this session, 33.

WRIT of election, lieutenant-governor desired to issue a, for Westmorland, in the room of James Wedderburn, esquire, deceased, 4; also one other for Clarendon, in the room of Theodore Foulks, esquire, whose seat had been vacated at his request, 5. *Vide* BLAKE, the honourable William; WALLEN, Matthew; WHITEHORNE, Samuel.

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ASSEMBLY OF JAMAICA.

Martis, 31^o die Octobris, 1797.

THE assembly being met, according to proclamation, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Shaw waited on his honour the lieutenant-governor, and acquainted him therewith :

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the provost-marshal, commanding, in the king's name, the attendance of the house, in the council-chamber, immediately :

House meets.

Message to attend his honour.

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up ; and being returned ;

Mr. Speaker acquainted the house, that, in pursuance of the directions of an act for that purpose, passed in the year 1795, a new writ had been issued during the recess, for the election of a member to serve in this assembly, for the parish of St. Catherine, in the room of Andrew Johnstone, esquire, called up to the council.

Writs issued during recess.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the clerk of the council, who brought down the writs of election for the parishes of St. Catherine, Clarendon, and Westmorland ; which, with the provost-marshal's returns thereto, being read ; it appeared, that John Hutchinson Frazer, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish of St. Catherine, in the room of Andrew Johnstone esquire, called up to the council ; that George Atkinson, esquire, was returned a representative for the said parish of Clarendon, in the room of Theodore Foulks, esquire, whose seat the house had vacated : and that David Finlayson, esquire,

Returns to writs.

quire, was returned a representative for the said parish of Westmorland, in the room of James Wedderburn, esquire, deceased :

Mr. Atkinson takes the oaths.

And the said George Atkinson, esquire, attending, took the usual oaths, and his seat accordingly.

Rules of the house.

The following rules were read, and ordered to be the standing rules of the house :

I. *THAT* the assembly be supposed not met, except the speaker be present.

II. *That* twenty-one make a quorum to act as if all the members were present, and to proceed to all business.

III. *That* seven be a quorum to meet and adjourn as they see convenient, during the sitting of the house this session, and to send for absent members.

IV. *That* every member place himself as he comes in, that there may seem no disparity; the speaker always excepted, who must take the chair.

V. *That* such of the assembly as shall be appointed to propose what the house hath to offer to the governor, or to the commander in chief, or to the council, shall not be exempted from going, unless such member has been of the council, or speaker of the assembly.

VI. *That* the assembly, always at rising, do adjourn from time to time, as they shall see it convenient for the speedy dispatch of affairs; and that none depart the house without the speaker's leave, upon any pretence whatsoever.

VII. *That* every bill, before it pass, be read three times, with the amendments.

VIII. *That* no member speak above twice to the same debate, without leave of the house; and that none presume to speak without standing up, and addressing himself to Mr. Speaker.

IX. *That* such as are appointed of committees be named by the speaker, and approved of by the house.

X. *That* the speaker and assembly have power to imprison such of their members as shall misbehave themselves, that all may be governed by order and decency.

XI. *That* the minutes of the house be entered fair in a book apart, and compared every morning; and that the books remain in the hands of the speaker for the time being.

XII. *That* when any motion is made, and seconded by any member, it shall be put to the vote whether the matter proposed shall be debated.

XIII. *That*, to prevent any misunderstanding in the house, no person shall be liable to answer for a motion made, or words spoken, in the house, unless it be at the same sitting, and before an adjournment; and that the house receive no information from without doors of words spoken openly in the house.

XIV. *That* the minutes of the preceding day be read every morning, before the house proceed to any business.

XV. *That* a resolution being taken on any matter under the consideration of the house, in the house, such resolution shall not be altered during the same session.

XVI. *That*

XVI. That every member who shall absent himself, without leave of the house or the speaker, be, without further order, taken into custody; and that the speaker shall, and he is empowered and required to, sign warrants for those purposes.

XVII. That all persons who shall be ordered into custody do pay to the sergeant at arms a pistole, and to the clerk half a pistole, for each day such person shall remain in custody; and that all persons who shall, during the continuance of this assembly, be in custody at the time of any future prorogation, shall be taken into custody at the next session, and that the speaker issue his warrant accordingly.

XVIII. That no committee continue sitting after the house is met.

XIX. That any person in custody, or under the censure of the house, be not otherwise admitted than by petition, members of the house excepted.

XX. That if any member of this house shall go off this island without leave of the house, if sitting, or without acquainting the speaker with his intention of so doing, in case the house be not sitting, or, having had leave to go off the island, shall not return within the time limited for such leave, (unless sufficient cause is shewn to the contrary) he shall be expelled.

XXI. That no member of the honourable the council of this island hath any right to interfere in, or give his vote in, the election of any member to serve in this assembly.

XXII. That when the house shall judge any petition, touching elections, to be frivolous and vexatious, the house will order satisfaction to be made to the person petitioned against.

XXIII. That in case it shall appear any person hath procured himself to be elected or returned as a member of this house, or endeavoured so to do, by bribery or any other corrupt practices, this house will proceed with the utmost severity against such person.

XXIV. That if it shall appear any person has been tampering with any witnesses, in respect of their evidences to be given to this house, or any committee thereof, or, directly or indirectly, endeavouring to deter or hinder any person from appearing or giving evidence, the same is declared to be a high crime and misdemeanor, and this house will proceed with the utmost severity against such offenders.

XXV. That if it shall appear any persons have given false evidence in any cause before the house, or any committee thereof, this house will proceed with the utmost severity against such offenders.

XXVI. That, in all cases of controverted elections, the petitioners do, by themselves or by their agents, within a convenient time to be appointed by the house, deliver to the sitting members, or their agents, lists of the persons intended by the petitioners to be objected to, who voted for the sitting members; and that the sitting members do, by themselves or their agents, within the same time, deliver the like lists on their parts, to the petitioners, or their agents; and that the committee appointed to try such elections take into consideration all such matters as shall or may come in question, touching returns or objections; and the committee are to have power to send for persons, papers, and records, for their information; and if any thing shall come in question touching the return or objection of any member, he is to withdraw; and all members returned upon double returns are likewise to withdraw, until their respective returns are determined.

XXVII. That

XXVII. That when any thing shall come in question, touching the matter of privilege of any member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate.

XXVIII. That all persons ordered to attend this house, or any committee thereof, are under the protection of this house, in coming, staying, and returning; of which the provost-marshal and all other persons are to take notice.

XXIX. That when the house is going into a committee of the whole house, on motion of any member, and such motion seconded, the doors shall be locked, and the key laid upon the table before the chairman; and if any member presume to go from the committee, without leave, he shall incur the censure of the house.

XXX. That every member of this house enjoy the privileges of his person against arrests and imprisonments, in such manner as hath heretofore been used and accustomed, except in cases of treason, felony, breach of the peace, forcible entries, or forcible detainers.

XXXI. That no member of this house hath any privilege in regard to his goods and chattels, except such as are necessary for his accommodation during his attendance on the house.

XXXII. That no member of this house hath any privilege against payment of any aids, supplies, or taxes, granted for the support of his majesty's government of this island, or of any parish duties.

XXXIII. That the misrepresenting the proceedings of this house is a breach of privilege, and destructive of the freedom of the house.

XXXIV. That to assert this house hath no power of commitment, but of their own members, tends to the subversion of the constitution of the house.

XXXV. That no person committed for breach of privilege, by order of this house, ought to be discharged during the session of assembly, but by order or warrant of this house.

XXXVI. That this house will not agree to any motion for the granting of public money, or a report from a committee recommending the grant of money or a vote of credit, till such motion or report has been made three days.

XXXVII. That no bill of a private nature shall take rise in this house in future, but by petition from the party or parties desiring such bill, and after a report made by a committee to be appointed to enquire into the allegations of such petition.

XXXVIII. That no money shall in future be granted by this house for any new roads, without a diagram of said roads be laid before the house.

XXXIX. That upon motion of any member for names being taken down, on a division of the house, and the same being seconded, the names shall be taken, and entered on the minutes accordingly.

Mr. Speaker reports his honour's speech.

Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, in the council-chamber, and that his honour was pleased to make a speech; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy; and the same being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

“GENTLEMEN

“ GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“ The very important business which I am commanded to lay before you, and the magnitude of the several objects which are to come under your consideration, will claim every attention and support, which may be expected from your loyalty, and your regard for the general interests of the empire.

“ It is with an earnestness arising from a sense of my duty, as well as zeal towards the prosperity and future safety of this island, that I again submit to your consideration the measure of raising in this colony a regiment, composed of people of colour and negroes, for its defence.

“ The number of European soldiers who have fallen victims to the severity of our tropical climate, is so great as to be truly alarming. The Mother Country cannot, with a due attention to its own population, afford the requisite supply of men for her colonies, and the plan of augmenting our force with people better adapted to the fatigues of military duty in this island, comes urged to you not only upon a motive of humanity, but also upon the strong principle of necessity.

“ I can assure you also, from very high authority, that the measure of forming black corps for West-India service, was adopted, after a very full consideration, both as a question of policy and military defence, and that it stands recommended by every officer of rank and experience, who has served in the West-Indies during the war.

“ I trust, therefore, you will re-consider the measure, with that candour and liberality I have always experienced from you: Weigh well its merits, and you will be fully satisfied that it was formed upon no confined and temporary views, but embraces in its object not only the present, but the future protection of the West-India islands, by judiciously combining the most efficient force that can be drawn from the Mother Country and her colonies.

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“ I have lately received some official information respecting the maroons who are settled in Nova-Scotia. It seems, that the provision which you so generously voted for their support, has proved inadequate to such purpose.

“ I am, therefore, to recommend to your immediate consideration, the making some further provision for their temporary subsistence in that colony, until they are enabled to provide for themselves. As to the ordinary supplies of government, I have no doubt but they will be attended to with your accustomed cheerfulness and liberality.

" GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

" MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

" *I have to recall to your remembrance a very important and interesting subject, which could not be discussed by you during the short span of the last session, but which I am confident you will deem worthy of early and serious deliberation in the present. I mean that, on which his majesty has been graciously pleased to instruct the respective governors of his islands and dominions in the West-Indies, in consequence of an address from the house of commons.*

" *I have only to add, that you may rely upon my co-operation, in every measure tending to the honour of our king, and the public welfare; and I sincerely hope to see preserved, during the present sessions, that unanimity and good humour which I have so often witnessed, with the most heartfelt satisfaction, as a sure and pleasing token of your regard for my administration."*

Motion for address
on his honour's
speech.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare an humble address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, for his speech at the opening of the session:

Ordered,

That Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Osborn, and Mr. Thompson, be a committee for that purpose:

Ordered,

That his honour's speech be referred to the said committee.

Leave of absence to
Mr. Murray.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter he had received from Mr. Murray, informing him, that he was prevented by indisposition, from attending in his place, and requesting leave of absence until his recovery:

Ordered,

That he have leave of absence accordingly.

Ordered,

Public books of ac-
counts to be laid be-
fore the house.

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

" *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour and to desire you will be pleased to give directions to the receiver-general, to attend the house with the public books of accounts."*

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert and Mr. Osborn be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Ordered,

Original laws to be
sent unto the house.

That the secretary of this island do forthwith send unto the house, the several original laws of this island, now in his custody.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the clerk appointed by the commissioners of correspondence, do forthwith send unto the house, all books, papers, and writings, now in his custody, belonging to the said commissioners.

Books, &c. of comrs. of correspondence, to be laid before the house.

Resolved,

That this house will, to-morrow morning, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to take into consideration his honour's speech at the opening of the session.

Resolutions, for committee of the whole on his honour's speech;

Resolved,

That this house will, to-morrow morning, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take into consideration the state of the island.

and on the state of the island.

Ordered,

That his honour the lieutenant-governor's first, second, and fourth messages to the house, of the 3d August last, and the papers therewith severally sent, and also the first, third, and fifth messages of the house to his honour, of the following day, be referred to the said committee.

Papers referred thereto.

Ordered,

That Mr. Perry have leave of absence till Tuesday next.

Leave of absence to Mr. Perry and Mr. G. Fuller.

Ordered,

That Mr. G. Fuller have leave of absence for three weeks.

Resolved,

That Mr. Speaker do authorize any person to print the votes of this session; and that no other person do presume to print the same.

Votes to be printed;

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Mercurii, 1^o die Novembriis, 1797.

Prayers. MR. Chief-Justice, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, in answer to his speech at the opening of the session, reported the same, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read;

Address to his honour reported,

Resolved,

That the said address be committed to a committee of the whole house, immediately: committed,
Then the house resolved itself into such committee.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr.

Mr. Chief-Justice took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Chief-Justice, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the address, without making any amendment thereto :

and ordered to be engrossed.

Ordered,

That the said address be engrossed.

Leave of absence to Mr. Irving.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter he had received from Mr. Irving, informing him, that by reason of indisposition, he was unable at present to attend in his place, and requesting leave of absence for a fortnight :

Ordered,

That he have leave of absence accordingly.

Standing committees appointed.

The following members are appointed a committee of privileges :

Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. W. Rofs, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Mowat, Mr. R. Rofs, Mr. Reid, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Henry, Mr. Hering, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Jaques :

Ordered,

That five be a quorum ; that they sit Tuesdays and Thursdays, in the house ; that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

The following members are appointed a committee of grievances :

Mr. Grant, Mr. Deans, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Christie, Mr. Telfer, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. P. Fuller, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Barnett, and Mr. Johnson :

Ordered,

That five be a quorum ; that they sit Wednesdays and Fridays, in the house ; that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

The following members are appointed a committee for stating and settling the public accounts :

Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Christie, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Johnson :

Ordered,

That three be a quorum ; that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records ; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

The following members are appointed a committee to inspect into the state and condition of the several public offices of this island :

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Henckell, Mr. R. Rofs, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. Hering.

The following members are appointed a committee to inspect into the several courts of justice in this island :

Mr. Lyon, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Christie, Mr. Barnett, and Mr. Atkinson.

The following members are appointed a committee to enquire what laws are expired, or near expiring, and which of them are proper to be revived or continued :

Mr. Fitch, Mr. W. Rofs, Mr. Henry, Mr. P. Fuller, and Mr. McLeod.

Ordered,

That Mr. W. Rofs, Mr. Atkinson, and Mr. Telfer, or either of them, be a committee, to examine and settle the minutes of the house.

Two messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows :

First message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ *I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, the copy of a letter from his grace the duke of Portland, addressed to his honour, and dated Whitehall, 9th August, 1797:*

“ *Also the copy of a letter from his royal highness the duke of York, addressed to major-general the earl of Balcarres, and dated Horse-Guards, 1st August, 1797.*

Message from his honour, with letters from the duke of Portland and duke of York.

“ MY LORD,

Whitehall, 9th Aug, 1797.

“ I have laid before the king your lordship's letters, of the dates mentioned in the margin*:

“ The only subject I find in them, upon which it is necessary for me to observe is, the raising the regiment of colour in Jamaica; and, after the hopes your lordship had encouraged me to entertain, of the concurrence of the island in that measure. I cannot withhold from you my surprise and disappointment, at the account you give me of the unfavourable, and I think, mistaken light in which the establishment of such a corps is seen, by many of the most respectable inhabitants of the island; I more particularly feel myself called upon to press this observation upon you, from the evident advantages which the public service in general, and our West-India islands in particular, are at this moment deriving from the measure in question; which, you may be well assured, was not adopted on slight grounds, or with confined or temporary views, but on a full consideration of what our West-India possessions may require hereafter, as well as at present; of what may be the probable extent and nature of the European force which can be applied to that service; and of the necessity of endeavouring to render that force adequate to its various objects, by the assistance of the West-India regiments now raising.

“ In forming a plan of general arrangement for this purpose, it is not possible to appropriate a force, composed exclusively of Europeans, to any particular island, because such a procedure would militate against the very principle of the plan itself; which, by mixing troops composed of negroes and men of colour with our European forces, is intended to give strength and efficacy to both; not merely in proportion to their numbers respectively, but by a judicious combination of their force; which it is conceived, when so composed, must be infinitely superior to the same number of Europeans acting alone, as heretofore, and exposed for any length of time to the severity of that climate, the ravages of which have been too fatally experienced, not to call upon government, to try every means to avoid or prevent the troops from being exposed to in future.

“ His majesty's confidential servants therefore cannot but feel, that they should ill discharge the trust reposed in them, if, in deference to the respectable authorities by whom opinions are given, and apprehensions are entertained, which appear to them, the fullest investigation and consideration, to be not well founded, they were to abandon a measure which unites the two most important objects that can come under their contemplation; namely, the preservation of the health and strength of his majesty's forces in the West-Indies, and the defence and security of our possessions in that quarter of the world.

* 23d May 1797.

Ditto.

6th June.

9th June.

10th June.

‘ With respect to the exception which has been taken to the West-India regiments, upon the supposition of their not being included in the terms of the act to which your lordship refers, when it is considered that all his majesty’s troops are raised by virtue of the same prerogative, and are all subject to the same laws and regulations, and that the West-India regiments are, to all intents and purposes, as much a part of the king’s army, as any other regiment in his majesty’s service, I cannot but persuade myself, that the penetration of the legislature of Jamaica will, upon more serious reflection, discover the fallacy of the supposed distinction, and that its liberality will not suffer it to hesitate in pronouncing the West-India regiments to be as substantial a part of his majesty’s troops, as any other corps in his service.

‘ If, according to the opinion of the commissioners of public accounts, as stated in your lordship’s letter, the troops mentioned in the above-mentioned act of the legislature of Jamaica, are to be understood exclusively to be troops raised in Europe, and composed entirely of persons who are natives of that quarter of the globe, it would follow, that in case any of his majesty’s troops which have been lately raised in the Canadas, Nova-Scotia, and New-Brunswick, were to be sent to Jamaica, they would not be entitled to the benefit of the act in question; a supposition that must appear too preposterous, to be seriously entertained.

‘ Whatever, therefore, may have been the sentiments of the island at large, in regard to the expediency of raising the 6th West-India regiment, I have that confidence in the wisdom and justice of the legislature of Jamaica, that I cannot allow myself to apprehend, that they can persist in putting a forced construction upon one of their own acts, by which any part of his majesty’s troops would be deprived of the benefit intended them, merely because they feel some difficulty in reconciling themselves to an establishment of which those troops make a part.

‘ His majesty is pleased to approve your recommendation of Francis Rigby Brodbelt and Andrew Johnstone, esquires, to be members of his council of Jamaica; and I have in consequence, directed their respective mandamus’s to be made out, and you will desire them to order their agents to take them from this office.

‘ I have the honour to be, MY LORD, your lordship’s most obedient humble servant,
(Signed) ‘ PORTLAND.’

‘ MY LORD,

Hof.-Guards, 1st August, 1797.

‘ The duplicate of your lordship’s letter of the 23d May, and the originals of those of the 6th and 9th of June last, all addressed to colonel Brownrigg, have been laid before me.

‘ I have read with regret, the statement your lordship therein makes, of the serious opposition and difficulties that are offered by certain persons in the island of Jamaica, to the forming of colonel Whitelocke’s regiment of colour there: As colonel Whitelocke is now understood to be on his return home, for the recovery of his health, I shall delay, until his arrival, replying to those parts of your lordship’s letters of the 6th and 9th of June, that relate to the specific manner of completing the regiment in question, and to your observations as to the most advisable mode of obtaining the service of that species of troops, but am thankful to your lordship for the information they afford me upon the subject: I have, however, to request, that your lordship will be pleased to impress it strongly on the minds of the legislature of the island, that the measure of forming black corps for West-India service, was adopted after a very full consideration, both as a question of policy and military defence;

defence; that it stands recommended by every officer of rank and experience, who has served in the West-Indies during the war; that it is countenanced and promoted by many most respectable planters and merchants in the islands to windward; who, at the outset of the attempt, were as strenuous in their opposition to the plan, and as prejudiced against it, as those of Jamaica appear to be at this moment; that a measure of general utility, cannot be relinquished to gratify the ungrounded apprehensions of a few; and, lastly, that as this country cannot supply the number of troops requisite for its West-India possessions, from its own population, a certain proportion thereof must consist of negroes or people of colour, better adapted to the fatigues of military duty in that climate, otherwise it cannot be supplied at all: An argument of this nature will, I am inclined to hope, have its due effect, and I am persuaded will not be neglected to be urged, on proper occasions, by your lordship.

‘ I can have no objection to major Flrington doing duty with colonel White-locke’s regiment, until major Blackwell, who has lately been appointed to it, joins.

‘ I am, MY-LORD, your’s,

(Signed)

‘ FREDERICK, F. M.”

Second message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, the returns from the superintendants of the maroon-towns, in conformity to their message of the 26th November, 1796: That from the superintendant of Accompong-Town appears to his honour to be incomplete, in not setting forth if any and what numbers of slaves were in the possession of the maroons of that town; but his honour has thought it advisable to send it in its present form, with the others, to the house, rather than occasion delay.

Message from his honour with returns of the maroons.

‘ A RETURN of men, women, boys, girls, and children, of the MAROONS of CHARLES-TOWN, with their ages, 10th December, 1796.

Charles-Town.

OFFICERS.

	Age.		Age.		Age.
Lt. col. Afce Cudjoe	80	Captain White	50	Lieutenant Mead	50
Major Grant	50	Captain Shirley	50	Ensign Kelly	60

MEN SHOT.

John Hardware	70	Thomas Ball	36	Watters	25
Charles Irvine	65	William Cockburn	36	Robert Shaw	25
Ancoma	60	Jack Price	36	Robert Moor	25
Robert Richards	50	Thomas Prince	30	William Pink	25
John Sanderfon	45	Matthew Wallen	30	James Crawford	25
Robert Harris	45	John Edie	30	John Stockleford	25
Thomas Palmer	45	Rodney	29	John Ingram	25
James Gifcome	40	Badger	28	William Gray	25
John Cargill	40	John Beckford	28	John Stirling	22
Moodie	40	James Harris	27	William	22
John Macfarlane	35	Qoaco	27	George	20
John Gordon	35	Winter	20	Robert Hayns	20
Robert Benton	35	Blackwood	25	William Buch	20

Len

		Age.			Age.			Age.
Ben	-	18	Quaw	-	16	Jamie	-	15
Will	-	18	William Hardwick	-	16	Robert Henly	-	15
Duke	-	18	William Burke	-	16	Bowman	-	15
Bofue	-	18	Peter	-	16	Cudjoe	-	15
John	-	18	Cato	-	16	Welcome	-	15
James Kelly	-	18	Quaco	-	16	Cudjoe	-	15
Jamie	-	18	Yaw	-	15	Mackay	-	15
Frank	-	18	London	-	15	Cudjoe	-	14
Quaco	-	18	Cudjoe	-	15	Francis	-	14
Alex. Farquharson	-	18	Frank	-	15	Robert	-	14
Charles Farquharson	-	18	Robert	-	15	Jacob	-	15
Bofue	-	16						

WOMEN.

Bella	-	80	Yabba	-	36	Bessy	-	20
Nanny	-	80	Mary	-	36	Kate	-	18
Flora	-	70	Jessy McFarlane	-	30	Nelly	-	18
Pheba	-	60	Grace	-	30	Marina	-	18
Mary	-	60	Yabba	-	30	Bessy	-	18
Bessy	-	60	Beck	-	30	Fanay	-	18
Sarah Spencer	-	60	Mary	-	30	Mimba	-	18
Judath	-	60	Bessy Burke	-	30	Dido	-	18
Yankie	-	60	Mimba	-	30	Diana	-	17
Jean	-	55	Juba	-	30	Rachel	-	16
Cuba	-	55	Mary Cockburn	-	30	Mary	-	16
Mimba	-	55	Pheba	-	28	Suckey	-	16
Prue	-	55	Nancy Henly	-	27	Nancy	-	16
Mimba	-	55	Ann Richards	-	26	Sina	-	16
Juba	-	50	Nancy Cargill	-	26	Yabba	-	16
Pheba	-	45	Elizabeth Shirley	-	26	Celia	-	16
Queen	-	45	Yabba	-	26	Catherine	-	16
Molly	-	40	Elizabeth Burke	-	26	Margaret	-	15
Petty	-	40	Pheba Dawes	-	25	Sally	-	15
Cuba	-	40	Susan Taylor	-	25	Sabina	-	15
Juba	-	40	Peggy	-	22	Nanny	-	15
Diana	-	40	Pheba	-	22	Lucy	-	15
Quasheba	-	40	Quasheba	-	20	Venus	-	14
Catalina	-	40	Elizabeth	-	20	Rachel	-	14
Nanny	-	40	Pheba	-	20			

Boys, from twelve to five years.

Brown	Bryan	Charles	Cuffie
Harry	Quashie	Gordon	Billy
Harry	Gordon	Robert	Tom
Joe	Billy	James	Edward
Sam	David	Yaw	Cuffie
William	Cato	Thomas	Samie
Robert	John	Bailey	William
William	William	Cudjoe	Cudjoe
Cato	Cudjoe	Davie	John
Edward	James	James	William

Sam	John Rolland	Jeckie	Duncan
GIRLS, from thirteen to five years.			
Bess	Mimba	Betty	Jeffie
Ketty	Molly	Rose	Sarah
Lucy	Jeffy	Abba	Goudie
Mary	Dolly	Lettice	Juba
Juba	Marina	Nanny	Sally
Jenny	Jenny	Quasheba	Juba
Eliz. McFarlane	Suckey	Ketty	Cræcia
Juba	Betty	Betty	Lydia
Sally	Diana	Juba	Mary
Cuba	Puffie	Celia	Polly
Bunchie	Marv	Betty	Juliat
Diana	Molly	Mimba	Frankie
Molly	Mary	Molly	Mary
Ketty			

CHILDREN, from five years to six months.

John	John	Charlotte	Beck
Thomas	John	Peg	Quasheba
Samie	James	Sally	George
Henly	Gracey	Eleanor	Nelly
James	Lettice	Munchillo	Patt
George	Agnes	Quasheba	Bella
John	Rosee	Charlotte	Yaw
Jackie	Diana	Nancy	Diana
Cuffee	Pheba	Molly	Anfella

INVALIDS.

	Age.		Age.		Age.
Tom	70	York	80	Mattheas, (insane)	25

Officers, 6; Men shot, 73; Women, 74; Boys, 44; Girls, 53; Children, 36;
Invalids, 3:—Total, 289.

Residing out of the town, at Shantee-Mee :		And, at Scott's Hall :	
Old Tom	John Stirling	Jack Price	
Thomas Palmer	Cudjoe	Duke	
Will	Mimba	Yaw	
Quaco	Pheba	Peter	

and three children.

‘ Alexander Farquharson at Montego-Bay, and Robert, a boy, in St. Ann's.

‘ The above are included in the return.

‘ There are a few slaves in the town, but cannot ascertain the number; I understand that they have no title to them, being made out in other people's names; others staying with them for a certain time, for past favours. No children that I have seen.

‘ JAMES ANDERSON, *superintendent Charles-Town.*

‘ I, James Anderson, superintendent of Charles-Town, do swear that the annexed return of all the maroons of Charles-Town, is just and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.—*So help me God.*

‘ JAMES ANDERSON.

‘ Sworn before me, 12th day of December 1796.

‘ WM. INNES.’

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‘ A RETURN

Moore-Town.

' A RETURN of the MAROON NEGROES at MOORE-TOWN, this 12th Dec. 1796.

ABLE MEN, fit to carry arms.—55.

	Age.		Age.		Age.
Chas. Harris, captain	70	Dancer - -	33	Robert M'Gregor -	33
Adam, ditto -	68	Duncan - -	28	John Minot - -	30
Yeaow, lieutenant	70	Derby - -	23	Manuel - -	23
John Nixon, ditto	55	Ellis - -	50	Allan M'Lean, mul.	28
John Sambo, ditto -	48	Forfyth - -	57	Kean Osborn -	33
James Philips, ditto	45	French - -	48	Wm. Oakley - -	28
Armstrong, private	32	Frank - -	22	Robt. Paterfon, private	44
Burrell - -	68	Wm. Grant - -	52	Quashie - -	30
Edward Brown -	57	George Grant -	33	Michael Roe -	28
George Beckford	45	Judge Gordon -	28	Stamford - -	38
John Brown -	40	John Harris - -	32	Sterling - -	26
David Bryce -	35	Richard Henry -	33	Searchwell - -	32
Wm. Ellis, mulatto	22	Little Henry - -	30	John Sherwood -	29
Charles Bryan -	30	Adam Hopkins -	32	James Todd, mulatto	33
John Bryan - -	33	Jeffry - -	32	Simon Taylor -	38
Wm. Burke - -	30	Reids Jamie - -	23	William Waters -	44
John Charlton -	50	John - -	20	Welcome - -	60
Cuffee - -	30	Thomas Carey -	30	Richard Valentine	32
Wm. Douglas -	40				

Boys, not fit to carry arms.—19.

John Philips -	16	Quaco ditto - -	14	Richard ditto - -	17
Charles Brown -	12	Jacky Grant -	18	James ditto - -	15
Jamie Bayley -	18	William ditto -	14	Henry Douglas -	16
William ditto -	16	Doffow Gilleah -	18	Adam ditto - -	15
Peter ditto - -	14	Quacco ditto -	18	Samie Quabley -	16
Thomas ditto -	11	Quaw Reeder -	18	Neil M'Leod - -	20
Reeder Charlton -	16				

WOMEN.—69.

Nanny Harris - -	50	Quasheba W. Grant	26	Mimba Stamford -	27
Hannah ditto - -	28	Christinas ditto -	25	Diana Todd - -	27
Nelly Yeaow -	80	Amba Gilliale -	28	Peg Bryce -	33
Elizabeth Nixon -	45	Pheba ditto -	28	Bessy Anderson -	26
Abba Sambo -	35	Cuba ditto -	25	Pheba Gordon -	33
Mary Oakley -	25	Nanny Reeder -	50	Moll Waters - -	36
Elizabeth Philips -	35	Nancy Bob -	30	Quality Quasheba -	48
Jenny Burke, mulatto	28	Juba Richards -	28	Sally ditto -	27
Sarah Burrell - -	38	Joan Reeder - -	27	Maria ditto -	58
Jenny Searchwell -	28	Sally ditto -	25	Betty Valentine -	29
Suckey E. Brown -	46	Peggy Douglas -	35	Katy M'Gregor -	26
Molly ditto -	26	Nancy ditto -	26	Mimba - -	57
Christian ditto -	24	Sarah ditto -	24	Nanny Stirling -	27
Betty Bayly -	38	Abba Amos -	58	Hannah Osborn -	26
Nanny ditto - -	26	Sarah Kinaird - -	35	Sarah - -	55
Pheba Beckford -	26	Peggy Ritchie -	26	Dido - -	70
Dido Charlton -	70	Nanny Bryan -	27	Queen - -	37
Amba ditto -	26	Affie Osborn -	27	Judy Ellis - -	32
Cuba ditto -	28	Cuba Paterfon -	30	Mimba Minot -	25

Betty

	Age.		Age.		Age.
Petty Cuffee	- 25	Katy Clark	- 25	Old Yeabah	- 60
Grace Quashie	- 22	Polly Bristol	- 26	Old Hannah	- 70
Bessy Brown	- 22	Old Cuba	- 80	Old Abba	- 70
Betty Scott	- 65	Old Mimba	- 100	Annie, mulatto	- 20

GIRLS.—14

Nancy Burke	- 24	Jenny Kinaird, mulatto	17	Sally	- 16
Sufanna Searchwell	20	Mimba Bryan	- 14	Lilly	- 18
Affie Brown	- 16	Sarah Osborn	- 14	Nelly Murray	- 18
Tol Charlton	- 12	Beneba Paterfon	- 14	Polly Harris	- 14
Sabina Reeder	- 16	Nancy Cameron, mul.	15		

CHILDREN.—88.

Polly Harris	- 11	Molly ditto	- 12	Hannah ditto	- 2
Kennedy ditto	- 10	Sam Bob, mulatto	- 4	Charley ditto	- 1
Celia ditto	- 8	Katy ditto, ditto	- 2	John Stamford	- 1
Minerva ditto	- 2	Tom Wiggins, ditto	5	Patt Todd	5
Diana Adams	- 11	Rachael Richards, ditto	5	Tilly ditto	- 3
Barberry Burke	- 3	Davie Richards, ditto	4	Annie ditto	- 2
Fanny Philips	- 12	Bessy ditto, ditto	- 3	Sally Norris, mulatto	12
Nanny Searchwell	- 12	Marian Reeder	- 3	William Bryce	4
William ditto	- 11	Thomas ditto, mulatto	2	Robert Gordon	10
Hannah ditto	- 9	Sally Thackster, ditto	3	Katy ditto	- 9
Quashie ditto	- 6	Jacky ditto, ditto	- 2	Franky ditto	- 7
Mary Brown	- 10	Bessy Reeder	- 4	Tama ditto	- 3
Amba ditto	- 8	Charlotte Douglas	- 6	Dolly Waters	- 7
Charles Charlton, mul.	7	Harry ditto	- 5	Billy Quality	5
Agnes Bayly	- 2	Dawkins ditto	- 4	Peter Valentine	3
Flora Beckford	- 12	George ditto	- 3	John Valentine	2
Delia ditto	- 11	Mary ditto	- 1	Quashie ditto	- 2
Bony ditto	- 2	Flora	- 12	Diana M'Gregor	2
George Robo, mulatto	4	Nelly, mulatto	- 3	Bessy Sterling	- 3
Sam ditto, ditto	- 3	Mary Ritchie, ditto	- 2	Christian ditto	2
Mertilla Charlton	- 6	Beck Bryan	- 3	William ditto	4
Jacky ditto	- 5	Rosey ditto	- 2	Cato ditto	- 3
Quashie Grant	- 3	Cuffee ditto	- 3	Tyrrell Osborn	7
Hannah ditto	- 2	Phillis ditto	- 3	Duncan ditto	2
Penny ditto	- 2	Quashie Osborn	- 3	Abba Ellis	- 10
William Gilliate	- 2	Cudjoe ditto	- 2	Young ditto	- 9
Nancy ditto	- 4	Mary Paterfon	- 6	Becky ditto	- 7
Katy ditto	- 3	Dido ditto	- 5	Dido ditto	- 4
Resburn ditto	- 2	Jean ditto	- 5	Mary ditto	- 2
Bett ditto	- 2				

ABSTRACT:—Men, 55; Boys, 19; Women, 69; Girls, 14; Children, 88:—

Total, 245.

' AN ACCOUNT of the MAROONS at MOORE-TOWN, who possess slaves.

Nelly Yeaw, has three women and two children.

Betty Scott, has two women and two children.

Katy Cameron, has one woman and a child.

Nancy Harris and Hanna, have one woman and two children.

Lieutenant Yeaw, has one man.

Lieutenant

Lieutenant Nixon, has one man.

Ditto James Philips, one woman and a child.

Ditto John Sambo, ditto ditto.

Quality Quasheba, one girl.

Simbn Taylor, one ditto.

Welcome, one old man.

A RETURN of such MAROONS belonging to MOORE-TOWN, that do not at present reside in the town, and their places of residence.

Nelly Murray, lives with her father in St. Thomas in the East.

Bessy Anderson, lives at Port-Morant, with a white man.

Nancy Douglas. in St. George's, ditto.

Pheba Beckford, at Golden-Vale pen. in Portland, ditto.

Jean Reeder, with Mr. Thachster, ditto, ditto.

Juba ditto, with Mr. Richards, ditto, ditto.

Annie, a mulatto, at Rio-Grande pen, ditto.

I, Charles Douglas, do swear, that the foregoing and above returns are just and true, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

CHAS. DOUGLAS.

Sworn before me, this 12th day of December, 1796.

THOS. OAKLEY.

Accompong-Town.

A RETURN of the MAROONS, belonging to ACCOMPONG-TOWN, taken the 2d August, 1797.

MEN capable of bearing arms, from sixteen to seventy years of age.—32.

Capt. John Foster	William Pike	Robert Peart	John Griffiths
Capt. Rob. Palmer	William Adlam	John Roach	James Rowe
Capt. Robt. Austin	Alexr. Thompson	W. R. Ricketts	Charles Rowe
Lieut. Sam Foster	James Virgo	R. Clark	Thomas Falconer
Lieut. G. Williams	John Miles	Alex. Forbes junr.	John Vassall
William Wright	John Webb	William Denis	Burnside
Thomas Salmon	Robert Wright	James Denis	Jos. Clark.
Sam Smith	James C. Wright	R. Denis	G. G. stone

Superannuated:—Colonel Alexander Forbes.

WOMEN, from sixteen to seventy years of age.—52.

Mary	Tabie	Molly	Molly
Sally	Nanny	Chloe	Bessy Walpole
Bessy	Mary	Tabia	Beneba
Nancy	Molly	Madena	Pheba
Whanica	Margaret	Eneba	Amba
Eneba	Pheba	Cuba	Bessy
Molly	Jenny	Grace	Molly
Cuba	Suckey	Maria	Margaret
Basse	Sarah	Sarah Crisp	Fanny Austin
Fanny	Grace	Mary Robb	Ketty
Molly	Eneba	Mary Foster	Bess
Soffe	Mary Ann	Suckey Wright	Eneba
Lucinda	Venus	Nelly Foster	Lolly

Boys, from six years of age to twelve.—20

William Webb	Billy	John Salmon	Ned
Appea	S. Wright	William	Robert
Johnny	M'Catty	Charles	Johnny junior

John

Names of the GIRLS.—12.

			Age.				Age.				Age.
<i>In the town.</i>				Elizabeth	-	5	Diana	-	-	-	4
Amba	-	-	15	Diana Nugent	-	7	Sarah	-	-	-	8 m.
Mary	-	-	12	Dorothy Nugent	-	5	<i>In Charles-Town.</i>				
Sally	-	-	9	Mary Inch	-	6	Beneba	-	-	-	9 y.
Elcanor	-	-	8	Hannah	-	2					

Men, 12; Slave, 1; Females, 13; Boys, 10; Girls, 12:—Total, 48.

JOHN MARCH.

‘ JAMAICA, ff.

‘ John March, of the parish of St. Mary, being duly sworn, deposeth and faith, that the above is a just and true return of the maroons, and of the slaves possessed by them, according to the best of this deponent’s judgment, information, and belief.

‘ JOHN MARCH.

‘ Sworn before me, this 31st July, 1797.

‘ J. M. DWYER.”

Ordered,

Referred to committee on state of the island.

That the above two messages, and the papers therewith sent, and also the letters received from the agent since the last session of assembly, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take into consideration the state of the island.

Resolved,

Time limited for receiving petitions.

That this house will not receive any business of a private nature, after Friday the first day of December next:

Ordered,

That the above resolution be published in the several newspapers of this island, for one month.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, Speaker.

Novis, 2° die Novembriis, 1797.

Prayers THE engrossed address to his honour the lieutenant-governor was read, in the words following:

Charles Town
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“ JAMAICA,

" JAMAICA, B.

" *To the right honourable ALEXANDER earl of BALCARRES, Lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this his majesty's island of Jamaica, and the territories thereon depending in America, chancellor and vice-admiral of the same,* Engrossed address

" THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY,

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

" We, his majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the assembly of the island of Jamaica, request that you will accept our sincere thanks, for your lordship's speech at the opening of this session.

" We shall, with our accustomed loyalty to our sovereign, and regard to the general interests of the empire, take into consideration the several objects which your honour may be pleased to lay before us, and bestow upon them that attention, which their magnitude and importance require.

" We shall re-consider the measure of raising, in this colony, a regiment to be composed of people of colour and negroes, for its defence, and deliberately weigh the reasons, urged by your honour with so much earnestness and zeal; having due regard to the duty we owe to our king, as well as to the prosperity and safety of this important island.

" When your honour will be pleased to lay before us the official information you have received, respecting the maroons settled in Nova-Scotia, we shall give it an early and attentive consideration.

" Your honour may rely, that we shall make due provision for the ordinary supplies of government, with our usual cheerfulness, consistently with our duty to our constituents, under the present circumstances of this colony.

" The very important and interesting subject, on which his majesty was graciously pleased to instruct the respective governors of his islands and dominions in the West-Indies, communicated by your honour during the last session, shall be an object of our early and serious deliberations in the present.

" We have the fullest confidence in your honour's assurances of co-operation, in every measure tending to the honour of our king and the public welfare: We are sincerely disposed to preserve that unanimity and temper, which have hitherto guided our deliberations, and which, your lordship so justly considers as the surest mark of our regard for your administration."

Resolved,

That the same do pass:

passed.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

Message to his honour.

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

" *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to acquaint you, that having an humble address to present, they desire to know when you will please to be attended.*"

Ordered,

That Mr. Chief-Justice and Mr. Thompson be a committee to wait on his ho-

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His honour appoints
to be attended by
the house.

nour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, immediately:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, with the whole house, went up; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant governor, and presented their address, to which his honour was pleased to return an answer; of which Mr. Speaker said, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy; and the same being read, is as follows:

Lieutenant go-
vernor's answer to
address.

“MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

“*I thank you for this address:*

“*The sentiments you are pleased to express, cannot fail of producing that harmony which has ever distinguished your proceedings.*”

Report from com-
mittee on expiring
laws.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, appointed to enquire what laws are expired, or near expiring, and which of them are proper to be revived or continued, reported,

That the several laws following are either expired, or near expiring, and, in the opinion of the committee, are proper to be revived or continued:

Tonnage duty,

An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, “An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;” and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations:

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Hering, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

Provision embargo,

An act to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time:

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Thompson, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. R. Ross, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

Rules and articles
of war,

An act for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war:

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Hering, and Mr. Henry, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

Militia,

An act to regulate the militia; to repeal certain acts and clauses of acts relating to the said militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war, and for other purposes:

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

That Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Grant, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Lyon, Bill ordered.
be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill for that purpose.

An act to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, " An act to regulate Gunpowder and
the selling of gunpowder; and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;" and fire-arms,
to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms:

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

That Mr. Ervan, Mr. Cuthbert, and Mr. Jaques, be a committee to prepare and Bill ordered,
bring in a bill for that purpose.

An act for appointing an agent in Great-Britain, to solicit the passing of laws; Agency,
and for transacting in Great-Britain, other public affairs of this island; and for em-
powering the members of his majesty's council, the speaker and the members of the
assembly, for the time being, as occasion shall require, to give instructions for such
his management:

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. P. Fuller, be a committee to prepare Bill ordered,
and bring in a bill for that purpose.

An act for the ease and relief of jurors and suitors of the supreme and certain Court,
other courts within this island:

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

That Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Hering, be a committee to prepare Bill ordered.
and bring in a bill for that purpose.

A petition of George Cuthbert, provost-marshal-general, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That, by an act of this island, passed in the tenth year of the reign of her late majesty queen Ann, entitled, " An act for regulating fees," and by several other acts, the petitioner is authorized to take and receive certain fees therein specified, for his trouble and expence in executing procefs, issuing out of the supreme and other courts of judicature of this island, and to him directed:

" That, owing to the doubtful manner in which the said acts are worded, and to a practice thereupon founded, the petitioner has hitherto been precluded from demanding the payment of his said fees, upon the execution of such procefs; but, on the contrary, has been obliged to give credit to, and keep open accounts with, the attornies at law who sue out the same:

" That, in consequence of such practice having prevailed, the petitioner has already sustained, and is still likely to sustain, considerable loss and expence, in some instances from the insolvency of the parties so credited, and in other instances from his being put to his action at law, to recover the payment of his legal fees:

" That all other public officers are paid their fees regularly and without delay; whereas the petitioner, in every instance, meets with considerable delay, and in some, with ultimate loss."

Petition of G. Cuthbert, provost-marshal-general.

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Lyon, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. McLeod, that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Committee on state
of the island.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to take into consideration his honour the lieutenant-governor's speech at the opening of the session :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Chief-Justice took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Chief-Justice, from the committee, reported five resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows :

Additional duty,

1. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses :

Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Osborn, Mr. Mowat, and Mr. McLeod, be a committee for that purpose.

Poll-tax,

2. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill for raising a tax by the poll ; and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels ; and on offices and houses ; and on certain wheel-carriages ; and applying the same to several uses :

Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Bryan, Mr. Atkinson, and Mr. Johnson, be a committee for that purpose.

Rum duty,

3. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island ; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits ; and on the public offices ; and applying the same to several uses :

Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. W. Ross, Mr. Barnett, and Mr. Reid, be a committee for that purpose.

Deficiency,

4. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient, and applying the same to several uses ; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen ; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections :

Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Henry, Mr. Turner, and Mr. P. Fuller, be a committee for that purpose.

Land-tax,

5. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee, to prepare and bring in a bill for raising a tax on land within this island ; and applying the same to several uses :

Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Henry, Mr. Deans, and Mr. Telfer, be a committee for that purpose.

Then

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Jovis, 2^o Novembris.

Then Mr. Chief-Justice acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved,

That this house will, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to take further into consideration his honour's speech at the opening of the session.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Veneris, 3^o die Novembris, 1797.

Proposers. **M**R. Osborn, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses; which was received, and read the first time: Additional duty bill presented.

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Bryan, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for raising a tax by the poll; and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels; and on offices and houses; and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses; which was received, and read the first time: Poll-tax bill presented.

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Mr. W. Ross, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits; and on the public offices; and applying the same to several uses; which was received, and read the first time: Rum duty bill presented.

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Henry, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient, and applying the same to several uses; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections; which was received, and read the first time: Deficiency bill presented.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Land-tax bill presented.

Mr. Henry, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for raising a tax on land within this island; and applying the same to several uses; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Tonnage duty bill presented.

Mr. Cockburn, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;" and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Provision embargo bill presented.

Mr. Thompson, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Rules and articles of war presented.

Mr. Chief-Justice, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Militia bill presented.

Mr. Cockburn, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to regulate the militia; to repeal certain acts and clauses of acts relating to the said militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Gunpowder and fire-arms bill presented.

Mr. Bryan, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, "An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder; and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;" and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Agency bill presented.

Mr. Cuthbert, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for appointing an agent in Great-Britain, to solicit the passing of laws, and for transacting in

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Great-Britain, other public affairs of this island; and for empowering the members of his majesty's council, the speaker and the members of the assembly, for the time being, as occasion shall require, to give instructions for such his management; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered.

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Mr. Chief-Justice, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for the ease and relief of jurors and suitors of the supreme and certain other courts within this island; which was received, and read the first time:

Court bill presented.

Ordered.

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

A petition of the inhabitants of St. George and St. Mary was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition for protection to Annotto-Bay.

“ That the French and Spanish privateers (enemies to his majesty and this his island of Jamaica) infest the coast of the said parishes, to the great annoyance of his majesty's subjects, both with respect to their persons and properties; inasmuch, that a number of vessels, with valuable cargoes, lying in the unprotected bay of Annotto-Bay, have been in great danger of being cut out by the said privateers.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered.

That the above petition be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take into consideration the state of the island.

A motion being made, that the house would come to the following resolution;

Motion for road grants.

Resolved,

That this house will grant the sum of 4000*l.* to each county, to be appropriated towards carrying on and completing the public roads, and such internal roads of communication as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea, and that a committee be appointed to appropriate the said grant:

And another motion being made, that the said resolution be amended, by striking out the words, “ the public roads, and;”

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative:

Debate.

Then the said resolution so amended, being read;

Ordered,

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Ordered,

That the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, do forthwith lay before the house, a state of the finances of the country.

State of public finances ordered.

Ordered,

That the custos or senior magistrate of every parish in this island (except Kingston), do forthwith call a special vestry in their respective parishes, in order to procure and lay before the house, a return of the number of coffee-estates settled, improving, or settling; the quantity of coffee-trees planted, or, where the same cannot be ascertained, the number of acres; the age of the said coffee; the number of ne-

Returns of coffee-estates, negroes, &c. ordered.

groes employed on the said settlements; and the probable number of negroes which will be wanted, when all the coffee-trees come into bearing; also a return of lands uncultivated at present, but deemed fit for the culture of coffee, cotton, or other staples:

Ordered,

That the above resolution of the house, be published in the several newspapers of this island, for three weeks.

Ordered,

Returns of coffee
exported, ordered.

That the naval officer do forthwith lay before the house, a return of the coffee, the produce of this island, exported to Great-Britain and America, from the 1st August, 1787, to the 1st August, 1797.

Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker acquainted the house, that he had his honour the lieutenant-governor's leave to adjourn the house, from time to time, as they should think proper.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Allan to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker*.

Martis, 7^o die Novembris, 1797.

Additional duty bill,
read second time.

Prayers. THE bill for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Poll-tax bill, read
second time.

The bill for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels; and on offices and houses; and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Rum duty bill, read
second time.

The bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licences to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits; and on the public offices; and applying the same to several uses, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Deficiency bill, read
second time.

The bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay

certain

certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient, and applying the same to several uses; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections, was read a second time :

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for raising a tax on land within this island; and applying the same to several uses, was read a second time :

Land-tax bill, read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, “ An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;” and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations, was read a second time :

Tonnage duty bill, read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time; was read a second time :

Provision embargo bill, read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war, was read a second time :

Articles of war bill, read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill to regulate the militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war, and for other purposes, was read a second time :

Militia bill, read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, “ An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder; and to prevent the selling of fire arms to slaves;” and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms, was read a second time :

Gunpowder bill, read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for the ease and relief of jurors and suitors of the supreme and certain other courts within this island, was read a second time :

Court bill, read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Motion for road grants, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Friday last, that this house will grant the sum of 4000*l.* to each county, to be appropriated towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea; and that a committee be appointed to appropriate the said grant, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Road committee appointed.

That Mr. Fitch, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Hering, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Christie, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Henry, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Lyon, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. R. Ross, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Turner, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. P. Fuller, Mr. Hendkell, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Reid, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Stewart, be a committee for that purpose.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to his honour, requesting exemption from militia duty for certain printers.

“*We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions, for exempting from military duty, the persons employed in his majesty's printing-office, until further orders from your honour.*”

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert and Mr. Christie be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the house.

Ordered,

Report of 26th July, referred to state of island.

That the report from the committee, to whom his honour the lieutenant-governor's first message of Wednesday the 26th day of July last, and the papers therewith sent, were referred, and unanimously agreed to by the house, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Mercurii, 8^o die Novembris, 1797.

Mr. Finlayson attending, and takes the oath.

DAVID Finlayson, esquire, attending, took the usual oaths, and his seat accordingly.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to the council:

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

“ *We are ordered by the house to acquaint your honours, that there being a bill before the house for appointing an agent in Great-Britain, to solicit the passing of laws, and for transacting in Great-Britain, other public affairs of this island; and for empowering the members of his majesty's council, the speaker and the members of the assembly, for the time being, as occasion shall require, to give instructions for such his management, they desire you will appoint a committee of your board, to join a committee of the house, in a free conference for the appointment of such agent; and, if your honours agree thereto, you will be pleased to appoint your number, time, and place.*”

Message to the council, for a conference, on agency bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Henry and Mr. Perry be a committee to carry the above message to the council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows:

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ *I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that, agreeably to their resolution of this day, they have appointed a committee of three of their board, to meet a committee of the house, in a free conference on the subject-matter of their said message, to-morrow afternoon, at two o'clock, in the council-chamber.*”

Council's answer.

Ordered,

That Mr. Murray, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Grant, Mr. Bryan, and Mr. W. Ross, be a committee to manage the said free conference.

Committee appointed.

A petition of Andrew Dawson, assistant hospital surgeon, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Andrew Dawson's petition.

“ That the petitioner had been attached to, and done duty with, 26th regiment of light dragoons, since the month of December, 1794:

“ That lieutenant Simpson, late pay-master of the regiment, omitted, by mistake, giving in the petitioner's name last year, for his lodging-money, and that he hath not received it.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition, and also the account of Sylvester Cotter, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's fifth message of the 3d August last, be referred to the committee appointed for stating and settling the public accounts: that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of the clergy of Jamaica was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition of the clergy.

“ That the present establishment of many of the incumbents in this island, is inadequate to their support:

“ That the provision for their maintenance was made in the year 1748. at a time when the value of money was very considerably greater than at this period.”

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And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Shirley, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Parnett; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Tonnage duty bill,
committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;" and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cockburn took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Cockburn, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, 'An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;' and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations.'*"

Articles of war bill,
committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Hering took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Hering, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill; and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war.'*"

Gunpowder bill,
committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, "An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder; and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;" and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Progress reported.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through part

of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Then Mr. Cuthbert acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved,

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, on the said bill.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to oblige certain inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men; to establish certain regulations for encreasing the strength of the militia, and the number of white inhabitants; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed qualified to vote at such elections;

Motion for a new deficiency bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Grant, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Osborn, and Mr. Stewart, be a committee for that purpose.

Committee appointed.

Resolved,

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to request that he will be pleased to order a return of the detachment of the 83d regiment, that were doing duty at Fort-Balcarres betwixt the 15th September, 1796, and the 27th day of February, 1797, to be laid before the house.

Detachment of 83d regiment at Fort-Balcarres.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ *I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, a letter from sir John Wentworth, dated Halifax, August the 4th, 1797, and one dated September 29th, 1797:*

Message from lieutenant-governor, with letters from sir J. Wentworth and captain Howe.

“ *Also, one addressed to Mr. Quarrell, from captain Howe, who has been appointed by sir John Wentworth, to take charge of the maroons settled in Nova-Scotia.*

“ *I am commanded also to lay before the house, three sets of accounts, numbered A, B, and C, which his honour has received from Mr. Quarrell, and relative to those maroons.*

[Duplicate.]

‘ Halifax, Nova-Scotia, 4th August, 1797.

‘ MY LORD,

‘ Mr. Quarrell having communicated to me, by your lordship’s desire, copy of a resolution of the house of assembly of the island of Jamaica, respecting the settlement of maroons in this province. limiting the sum for this purpose to ten pounds each person, to the 22d Jul., 1798, it is incumbent on me to represent to your lordship, that it is entirely out of my power to accede to that limitation, as I am certain it is inadequate to the purposes intended, however prudently and wisely applied; nor can it be possible to make any judicious estimate for this service: Europeans.

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habituated to a northern climate, and its modes of agriculture and labour, were longer supported, and still longer assisted, in forming settlements to maintain themselves: The maroons have many old people, women, and children, and are unused to persevering industry, necessary in these provinces; the latter will naturally require time to learn, and practice, and in the former, they must be assisted: Although I am persuaded they will be much sooner able to take care of and provide for themselves, than could have been expected by the most sanguine, who know their circumstances exactly, until then I am persuaded the island of Jamaica will continue to make the provision absolutely necessary for these poor people, which shall be administered with the most disinterested fidelity, œconomy, and discretion.

• Mr. Quarrell is preparing conveyances of the property purchased on account of the island of Jamaica, for the use of the maroons, which I shall receive charge of and preserve, considering it as a trust committed to my care by the island of Jamaica, for the use of the maroons, until I shall receive his majesty's instructions thereon; under and subject to which, are any measures or intervention of my aid and assistance in this business, at all times to be understood and considered.

• The maroons proceeded perfectly right, and with the most promising appearances of content, when an unfortunate idea was suggested to them, of being removed to the Cape of Good Hope, or to some Asiatic region, under the care and guidance of Mr. Ochterlony: These schemes were painted to captivate and inflame the desires of the people, while every comfortable incident, which the severest and longest winter known since the settlement of Halifax, was made use of, to terrify and disgust them against this country; at length they were prevailed on to complain: Petitions to the king, privately and insidiously concealed from me, were prepared, and under the direction of Mr. Ochterlony sent home: Gentlemen of the army and navy, and passengers going to England, invited to the settlement, to hear these poor people utter discontents which were taught them, and which, when examined, were insignificant, trifling, and embracing no other view or end, than to prevent their applying themselves to any sort of labour, or attachment to their settlement; which, notwithstanding my utmost exertions, has been so injuriously effected, that the island of Jamaica will be thereby burdened with one year's complete support of these people, longer than would have been necessary, had not Mr. Ochterlony taken up a scheme, and pursued measures for their removal from this province; which, however desirable to him, cannot possibly be productive of any good to the maroons themselves, or be consistent with the safety or interest of the island of Jamaica, or the credit of his majesty's government, which are the only motives of my agency in this case, and which I think will be securely effected, if the present measures are steadily pursued, wherein I cannot derive a possible benefit, more than the satisfaction that may result to me, from realizing the aforesaid motives.

• As soon as Mr. Ochterlony's measures were found to disaffect the people against the country, and directed also to withdraw their confidence in and duty to me, both of which were perfect, I conferred with Mr. Quarrell on the subject; who concurring with me in opinion, that the maroons were kindly treated, had no reason to complain, and that they might be happily and comfortably settled in this province; we also, of consequence, concurred in opinion, that Mr. Ochterlony's measures were directly opposed to the establishment; which would, by such, be exposed to accumulated expence and other evil consequences; we therefore concluded it was necessary, that Mr. Ochterlony should engage into our measures, cordially and faithfully carry them on, or be no longer employed: The former he engaged to Mr. Quarrell and myself; I accordingly wrote so to his grace the duke of Portland,

Portland, and promised Mr. Ochterlony to solicit his interests, both of the minister and your lordship, if, by his services, he would put it in my power so to do; but this has not been the case; on the contrary, every discouragement and opposition daily increased, notoriously from the same source, and to a degree that required my positive and immediate interference; Mr. Quarrell deeply sensible of the mischiefs, earnestly represented them to me for redress; which could be obtained by no other means, than the removal of Mr. Ochterlony from all concern or intercourse with the business; which I immediately demanded, and appointed captain Alexander Howe, of my regiment, to take charge of the maroons, and any property Mr. Quarrell might deliver to him in my behalf, for this purpose: Captain Howe is a respectable, upright, judicious, sensible man, well known and highly preferred by Mr. Quarrell; has had many years experience in Jamaica: Since captain Howe has superintended, the whole settlement wears a new and promising appearance, the people are all cheerfully at work, there is good humour returning, some have solicited to be settled for life, and they gradually abandon all the plans foolishly and wickedly made, kept up, and cherished among them, not to work, not to plant, not to repair their houses, not to send their children to school, not to go to church, lest these things should keep them here, and frustrate the wild, visionary, and cruel scheme, of a removal to a warmer country, upon a predatory murderous principle of "*making room for themselves*," as their chiefs told me in a conference, when they desired my consent, and to furnish arms, ammunition, provisions, and vessels to carry them; while they remain here, they are safe, and can do no harm; they may, and in time no doubt will, be happy and comfortable in this province; the younger people will soon fall into the habits of the country and climate, the older class will drop away, and daily have less exertion and influence; they are healthy, increase in numbers, and I verily believe they now weigh two-thirds more than when they arrived here, so fat and lusty are they grown: Among them is a sensible old man, named John Jarrett, who laments very much the want of some property which he left in Jamaica, and has importuned from me a promise, that I would solicit your lordship's aid, that it might be recovered and transmitted to me; in compliance of which, I have herewith taken the liberty to enclose his memorandums, which Mr. Quarrell says are just demands; if they could be recovered, it would have a good effect among them.

' I have trespassed on your lordship a very long letter, but I trust the interesting importance of the subject to the island of Jamaica, and the great attention and care your lordship has manifested in all its various progress, will plead my justification; it is also a duty of justice to your lordship, and to the island, that I fail not to represent Mr. Quarrell's conduct in the fullest terms of respect and approbation; his unremitted humanity, care, and attention, to every thing that could be useful to the maroons, and sensible zeal for the honour and interest of his employers, certainly entitle him to the lasting affection of the maroons, and the most distinguished and grateful consideration of the government, and every inhabitant of the island of Jamaica; which I earnestly hope may add to the comfort of his safe arrival in his own country.

' I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect, MY LORD, your lordship's faithful and obedient humble servant,

' *The right honourable earl Balcarres.*

J. WENTWORTH.'

' MY LORD,

Halifax, Nova-Scotia, 29th September, 1797.

' Since I had the honour to write the letter, duplicate of which is herewith presented,

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sented, considerable difficulties have arisen to Mr. Quarrell. in the expences for the maroons, from his bills of exchange on messieurs Milligan and Mitchell. of London, having been in some instances deferred, and in several others protested and returned to this place, subjected to ten *per cent.* damages, and so effectually diminishing the credit of that fund, that money could not be obtained for the subsistence of the maroons, and necessary progress of their settlement; the bill holders also requiring payment of Mr. Quarrell, I have indorsed his bills, both to relieve the peculiarly painful situation in which he was placed by the island of Jamaica, and for their credit, upon which the maroons were received into this province by your lordship's desire: I have the fullest confidence that these embarrassments will be remedied by the legislature of Jamaica, and measures taken to prevent any discredit to the bills I am obliged to draw for this service, in consequence of Mr. Quarrell's having transferred the management of it to my direction, which I have acceded to from motives of respect to the island, in a case where their honour and interest is considered to be essentially engaged: I shall cause the accounts to be transmitted quarterly to your lordship, also copies to the agent of the island, in London, and to the secretary of state, whence the government of Jamaica will be regularly informed of the economy, and prepared to provide the funds necessary for their affairs.

‘ It is with great pleasure I represent to your lordship, the obvious and great improvement among the maroons within the last two months; nor do I entertain a doubt, but that they will soon relinquish the absurd views of living without industry, or being removed to India or Africa, or returning to Jamaica; as was suggested to them, with artful and ill-advised industry.

‘ I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect, MY LORD, your lordship's most obedient humble servant,

‘ J. WENTWORTH.

‘ *Right honourable earl Balcarres, lieutenant-governor of Jamaica.*’

‘ DEAR SIR,

Maroon-Hall, 9th August. 1797.

‘ Having been honoured with your letter of the 8th instant, I thank you for the good opinion you express of my capacity, to execute the important trust to which I have the honour to be appointed by his excellency sir John Wentworth; no doubt, my local knowledge of this country, and acquaintance with the situation of the maroon settlements in some parts of Jamaica, and a general knowledge of that island, will be of essential use to the service in which I am employed (I hope) for the benefit of the maroons: I have the satisfaction to tell you, I have reason to think I possess a considerable portion of the confidence and regard of the maroons entrusted to my care; I shall use neither but for their benefit and happiness.

‘ The confidence his excellency sir John Wentworth has reposed in me, on this and many other occasions, will, from principles of gratitude to him, as well as a regard for my own honour, stimulate every faculty I possess, to meet his wishes, and gain his approbation of my conduct, with respect to the objects to be pursued: I have lively hopes, that those concerned for the interests of the island of Jamaica, will have no cause to disapprove his excellency's good opinion of my zeal, in the exertion of my best abilities for the interests I am appointed to support.

‘ Your queries I will answer with candour, and from the best opinion I have been able to form.

‘ To your first, I am of opinion that the maroons can be settled and disposed of in Nova-Scotia.

‘ Occasional gifts of warm cloathing and shoes for a few years, provisions for a limited time, and an extension of this indulgence in particular cases, with all farming

ing and gardening utensils, will naturally be supposed requisite; it would be so, go where they would: It is not the first, second, or third year, that men with large families of small children, without funds, can support themselves and families in a new country, how great their industry; it will take considerable time before all necessary wants can be supplied from their own labours, however prolific the soil; lands can be procured in this province, of excellent quality, in any quantity, by grant, escheat, or light purchases; and there is no doubt in my mind that, with the above aids, they would be comfortably settled and disposed of in Nova-Scotia.

‘ Many black people are now in this country, well settled, and living at their ease with their families, on their own lands, with large stocks of cattle, who began thirteen years ago, with nothing but their own labour, and an allowance of provisions from his majesty for a limited time, to depend upon; others residing in the towns, or in the country, occupied as servants, or labourers, are happy and contented under mild servitude and liberal wages, (indeed higher than in any other part of the world):

‘ The influence of Thomas Peters, among the black people who came to this province at the close of the last war; the attachment of the blacks, to the whole extent of their families, impelling them always to act together, and even to consider as one family those who came from the same country or province; an injudicious and unjust mode of assigning them their lands; the whole management of them throughout the province, on their first arrival in this colony, by the several agents employed by the loyalists, together with the great advantages and allurements held out to them by the company, were the real causes of so many removing to Sierra Leone; their removal did not arise from any other causes: I was employed by governor Parr, to assist their removal from the county of Annapolis, and was perfectly well acquainted with their motives; many of these unfortunates, I am afraid, repent leaving this country, even though they laboured under some disagreeable circumstances with respect to their lands: This much I say on this subject, to shew that the removal of those people did proceed, not from the difficulty of settling and disposing of them in this province, but the neglecting to do it properly, with other causes.

‘ To your second query: I cannot suppose that this climate can be less tolerable to the maroons, than to any other blacks.

‘ Many of the blacks now settled here came from the warm sultry climates of Virginia, the two Carolinas, Georgia, and the two Floridas; it is well known, that the heat of those countries is as intense, and in some as continued, as it is in Jamaica, in its warmest parts: Those people here enjoy perfect health, are industrious, hardy, and frugal, and now form, in many parts of this province, the principal resources for labour and improvement:

‘ I think that, in a little time, the maroons will bear this climate better than other blacks, except three months in the year; which may be made very tolerable to them, by warm houses and large fires: I do not think the difference of climate greater between the mountains of Jamaica and Nova-Scotia, for nine months of our common seasons, than it is between the mountains and Kingston, Spanish-Town, Old-Harbour, Withywood, Savanna-la-Mar, and the sea-coasts of St. Thomas in the East: I have been in the Blue-Mountains, and at some of the maroon-towns, where I have for many days been glad of the comfort of a warm fire, during the day and night, and several warm blankets on my bed; at Mr. Wallen’s, at Cold-Spring, and at Chester-Vale, two miles beyond it, chimnies are in the houses, as they are here; European vegetables grow on the mountains of Jamaica, back of Cold-

Cold-Spring, in as high perfection as I ever saw in any climate; *viz.* carrots, parsnips, beets, potatoes, cabbage, lettuce, &c. &c. and also very fine apples, with which I have seen trees loaded, particularly at Mr. Smith's mountain: That this climate is not injurious to their health, is evident from their present situation, none being, as I understand, ill, but such as brought their disorders with them: The deaths that have happened in this province, amongst the maroons, have been owing to a long passage, diseases they brought with them, or had contracted in their passage; the number of births lately has nearly made the numbers equal, and, in a few weeks, will probably exceed the number embarked at Jamaica: These are certain circumstances, sir, that may be better known to you than myself, but, amongst so many people in their native climate, old and young, I never saw, in any part of the world I have been in, more health, and less disease.

‘ Your third query, I can answer from experience: That they will work if encouraged, a proof is; that I have, on application, given passes to a great many who have engaged themselves to labour for several gentlemen at Halifax, by the week, and by the month; many are employed about the country, and get high wages for clearing land, making hay, driving carts, and various other labours; I find no difficulty to get as many maroons to labour as I want, at very low wages, to make bricks, dig cellars, carry stones, hoe potatoes, make hay, or do any thing I direct them to do; the industry of the women, boys, and girls, in gathering strawberries and raspberries, has been unremitted; they carry them to Halifax, and sell them at a good price, thereby making money to supply themselves with many comforts, not provided for by the establishment: Many of the men are anxious to have their portion of land laid out for them, that they may know their own labour will be for their own future benefit, and have themselves adopted an idea, that negro-yams, their favourite food, will grow here as it does in their settlements in Jamaica, amongst their early Indian corn; a hint I mean to improve, and to forward which, his excellency sir John Wentworth has sent to Jamaica for half a ton of those yams to get into the seed, and try the experiment: The first object in my view, after my coming here, on the 22d July, was, by the governor's desire and approbation, to give instructions to a surveyor, for the purpose of laying out lots for the maroons, as far as the land purchased was good, assigning the worst and least cultivatable for common pasture, for which purpose it is very competent; but the rains have been so incessant ever since, that I cannot carry this measure into effect, may be for some days; some families that have planted potatoes about their houses, have kept them in good order, and almost all the families have tolerable cabbages growing, and express sorrow that they had not this spring made their gardens more extensive, seeing the great profit made by those productions at Halifax market, and they not able to avail themselves of it, from their want of timely exertion; the cause of their not setting out with a good inclination to work, was not certainly from incapability on their part, but most undoubtedly from some influence, which taught them to expect advantages from such backwardness to promote either their own general views, or perhaps the particular ones of the most designing among them: The arrival of the maroons in this country, after a long voyage, sickly, driven from the place of their nativity, no preparation for their immediate reception, sudden purchases obliged to be made to procure houses habitable for them; every thing at first conspired, with the longest and severest winter known in this country within the memory of man, to hurt and distress the prospects before them.

‘ They now see we have our share of warm, and a long continuance of comfortable weather; preparations making as fast as possible for their accommodation,
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by the ereſſing of ſix large and commodious houſes, and a well-planned large ſchool-houſe for them: Theſe attentions will cheer their future hopes, and give every reaſon to expect, that the experience of this year will excite them to labour for themſelves hereafter; every propenſity to which, I ſhall endeavour to promote, by the alignment of lands, example, and inſtruction.

‘ Your fourth query: “ What appears to have influenced them againſt ſettling and providing for their own comforts,” can better be answered by thoſe who were in the habit of being with them from their arrival, and obſerving the conduct of your aſſiſtant towards them, to the day that I took poſſeſſion of my charge; I can repeat nothing but from hearſay, and that I would not chooſe to do: The firſt time I ever ſaw the maroons, and the only time previous to my coming here to attend you for one week before the 2d July, was in your company, ſome time in April laſt, when colobel Leonard was alſo here: The maroons then (I believe by a delegate) expreſſed great diſſatisfaction at the coldneſs of the winter, and alſo laid ſome ſtreſs on the little probability there was before them, to maintain their families by their labour, particularly ſuch as had three or four wives, with children by each: Theſe were the only ſpecific reaſons aſſigned; all the reſt only went to general objections to any cold climate, and a wiſh to be removed to a warm one; they had not then experienced a ſummer here, they had not ſeen Indian corn come to perfection, they had not an idea the cold weather was ever to ceaſe; in ſhort, it appeared to me, that no place or ſituation in the habitable globe was what they really meant, except a return to their own country, under the capitulation; when they were told that was never by them to be looked for, they then expreſſed a wiſh to go to any country of a ſimilar climate with the one they had left. Their reaſons, their arguments, and opinions, appeared to me, to have been long ſtudied, and they were all collected in a body at the houſe, that they might have an opportunity of expreſſing them before the then company, for (to me) ſome latent purpoſe: This obſervation ſtruck me, and, I believe, one or two other gentlemen, at the time.

‘ I alſo know, that one or two families who did work, by planting potatoes, &c. at Cold-Harbour, have told me, that they had made themſelves obnoxious to ſome of the leading people among the maroons, and that they had been much diſcouraged and ſeverely treated by Mr. Ochterlony; and that much diſcouragement was thrown on their exertions, by knowing that Mr. Ochterlony did not wiſh they ſhould work.

‘ The diſpoſition I find in the maroons, ſo far as I can judge, indicates a practicality which may, and I hope will, be guided to uſeful labour; many have a turn for trade, and praſe it among themſelves; many of the younger part are diſpoſed to go to ſervice by the month, but none are inclined to ſeparate from their families, or be at any diſtance from the main body of their people.

‘ I have honour to be with the greateſt regard, DEAR SIR, your moſt obedient humble ſervant,

‘ *W. D. Quarrell, eſquire.*

ALEX. HOWE.”

Note. The accounts ſent down in the above meſſage, are preſerved amongſt the papers of this ſeſſion.

Ordered,

‘ That the above meſſage, and the papers therewith ſent, be referred to the committee of the whole houſe, to enquire into and take into conſideration the ſtate of the iſland.

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Members added to committee of accounts.

That Mr. Finlayson and Mr. Perry be added to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts.

Ordered,

Members added to road committee.

That Mr. Taylor, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Murray, Mr. Finlayson, and Mr. Perry, be added to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Adamson to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Novis, 9° die Novembris, 1797.

Tonnage duty bill passed.

Prayer. **T**HE engrossed bill for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, "An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;" and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Articles of war bill passed.

The engrossed bill for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor, for a return of detachment of 83d regiment.

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to order a return of the detachment of the 83d regiment, that was doing duty at Fort Balcarres, betwixt the 15th September, 1796, and the 27th of February, 1797, to be laid before the house."

Ordered,

That Mr. Christie and Mr. Finlayson be a committee to wait on his honour with the

the above message ; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Mr. Murray, from the committee, appointed to meet a committee of the council, in a free conference for the appointment of an agent, to solicit the passing of laws, and for transacting in Great-Britain, other public affairs of this island, reported, that the committees had accordingly met, and were of opinion, that Robert Sewell, esquire, should be appointed agent for this island :

Report from joint committee on agency bill.

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows :

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the report made by the chairman of their committee, appointed to join a committee of the house, in a free conference for the appointment of an agent in Great-Britain, to solicit the passing of laws, and for transacting in Great-Britain, other public affairs of this island.”

Message from council on agency bill.

A petition of George Howel, of the parish of St. Catherine, being offered to the house ;

George Howel's petition.

And a motion being made, that the said petition be received ;

A debate thereon arising ; and the question being put, it passed in the negative :

Resolved,

That the said petition be rejected.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take into consideration the state of the island :

Committee on state of the island.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murray took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Murray, from the committee, reported two resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, *nem. con.* and are as follows :

Report on the black corps.

1. That it be recommended to the house, to confirm the resolution unanimously agreed to by the house in the last session, on the report from the committee to whom his honour the lieutenant-governor's first message of the 26th July last, and the papers therewith sent, were referred.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee, to prepare an address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, on the subject of the establishment of a black corps within this island :

Ordered,

That Mr. Shibley, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Grant, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Thompson, be a committee for that purpose.

Then Mr. Murray acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

Resolved,

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Motion for a bill in aid of party law.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill in aid of the party law now in force, for the purpose of authorizing and empowering the commander in chief for the time being, to raise and fit out parties, to go in pursuit of runaway slaves;

Ordered,

That Mr. Murray, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Taylor, be a committee for that purpose.

Returns of militia.

Resolved,

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, requesting that he will be pleased to lay before the house, the last returns of the militia in this island.

Ordered,

Accounts of expenditure of road grants for 1796, ordered.

That the receiver-general do forthwith lay before the house, an account of what money he has remaining in his hands, being part of the grant of 9000*l.* which was voted in the session of 1796, for the carrying on and completing the public roads, and such internal roads of communication as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea; and also an account of what sums, if any, of former grants, are remaining in his hands.

Ordered,

That the several commissioners appointed by law, to lay out the sum of 9000*l.* granted in the session of 1796, for the carrying on and completing the public roads, and such internal roads of communication as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea, do make returns of the expenditure thereof, to the clerk of this house, on or before the 1st day of December next.

Ordered,

To be published.

That the above resolution of the house, be published in the several newspapers of this island, for two weeks.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Veneris, 10^o die Novembriis, 1797.

Prayers. **ORDERED,**

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor for returns of militia.

“We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to lay before the house, the last returns of the militia in this island.”

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to the council :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

“ We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the report made by the chairman of their committee, appointed to join a committee of your board, in a free conference for the appointment of an agent for the soliciting the passing of laws, and for transacting in Great-Britain, other public affairs of this island.”

Message to council, respecting the agent.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Hering, Mr. Telfer, and Mr. Macleod, be a committee to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor with the above message ; and also to carry the other message, and the engrossed bills of yesterday, to the council, and desire their concurrence to the bills ; who returning, reported the delivery thereof. and that his honour, in answer to the message to him, was pleased to say, he would have it done immediately.

The bill for appointing an agent in Great-Britain, to solicit the passing of laws, and for transacting in Great-Britain, other public affairs of this island ; and for empowering the members of his majesty's council, the speaker and the members of the assembly, for the time being, as occasion shall require, to give instructions for such his management, was read a second time :

Agency bill read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, on Tuesday next.

A petition of William Burrowes, late deputy-marshal, and keeper of the gaol for the county of Middlesex, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

W. Burrowes's petition.

“ That there is due and owing to the petitioner, the sum of 18*l*. 7*s*. 6*d*. for the support of insolvent debtors confined in the said gaol, as stated in the annexed account.”

And praying for relief.

NOTE, For account see appendix, No. I.

A petition of William Pranch, of the parish of St. Catherine, gentleman, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

W. Pranch's petition.

“ That the petitioner did, some time in the month of October, 1796, deliver into the hands of captain Alston, an original account, a copy whereof is hereto annexed, against the government of this island, for negro labour furnished the garrison of Fort-Augusta, amounting to 102*l*. 10*s*. which said original account was attested by lieutenant-colonel Grant, of the 49th regiment, the then-commanding officer of the troops at the said garrison :

“ That the said attested account was put into the hands of captain Alston, with other papers, for the purpose of having it laid before the house, to be inspected, and if approved, passed, and payment ordered ; but, from some accident, as the petitioner has been informed and believes, the same was lost or mislaid by captain Alston ; by which means, the petitioner is deprived of his voucher, and thereby kept out of the money so as aforesaid justly due him ; and which, to a man in his circumstances, is a great hardship.”

And praying for relief.

NOTE, For account see appendix, No. II.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That the above two petitions, and accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution;

Resolved,

Motion not to receive road petitions;

That this house will not receive any petitions, as to the appropriation of the money to be granted for roads this session, but that the same be applied by the members of the three counties, for each county respectively;

The house divided:

The ayes went forth:

Ayes, 10:—Nocs, 19:

Negatived.

So it passed in the negative.

Petition from St. Ann's.

A petition of the justices and vestrymen, and several freeholders, merchants, and other inhabitants, of the parish of St. Ann, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the sum of 300*l.* granted by the house last year, to be laid out on the new road from St. Ann's Bay to Winefield penn, also the sum of 200*l.* and upwards, allotted by the vestry of the said parish, and the further sum of 400*l.* raised by subscription, have been, or will shortly be, expended on the said road, but will not be adequate to make the whole thereof proper for carriages:

"That, for the great public utility of the said road, the petitioners refer to their petition presented to the house the last year."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St. John's.

A petition of sundry freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. John, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the road leading from the Guanaboa great road, across the mountains of Giblatore, in the said parish, to Bye-Brook, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, is of great use for general communication, when the river road is flooded:

"That the allotments from the parish are inadequate to keeping the same in repair, and the settlements being in general small, cannot afford much additional labour."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St. John's.

A petition of the justices, vestrymen, freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parish of St. John, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the money granted by the house, to be laid out on the road from the Vale of Luidas, in the parish of St. John, to Old Woman Savanna, in the parish of Clarendon, has been faithfully expended on the same:

"That almost the whole of the old road having been found absolutely incapable of being so repaired as to be made permanently useful, in order to prevent a fruitless expenditure of the public money, it has been necessary to lay out a new track for the greater part of the way, which has consequently augmented the expence of executing the work, so far beyond what was at first apprehended, that, notwithstanding the strictest economy, the sum granted has proved inadequate to the intended purpose:

"That there appears to be the greatest certainty of the said road of communication across the island, when accomplished, most completely answering the views of the legislature,

legislature, in granting public assistance for its establishment; and, that what has been already effected, has so much increased the facility of travelling that way, as clearly to evince the vast utility that the public will derive from it."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above three petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of the proprietors or lessees of public wharves in the town of Kingston, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition of Kingston wharfingers.

"That, in the 25th year of the reign of his present majesty, an act passed the legislature of this island, for regulating the wharfage and storage of goods and merchandize throughout this island, and settling the rates thereof; which rates are contained in a schedule or table annexed to the said act:

"That the rates limited in the said schedule or table having been found inadequate to the expences of carrying on the wharfage business, in the towns of Kingston and Morant-Bay, another act passed the legislature of this island, in the 27th year of the reign of his present majesty, to explain and amend the said first mentioned act, so far as it related to the said towns; and in which second act, many of the rates of wharfage and storage were altered and enlarged, for the benefit of the wharfingers residing in the said towns:

"That the said two acts were passed in the time of peace, and, with the modifications and amendments made in the second-mentioned act, the rates of wharfage and storage were then considered to be proportionable to the expences of keeping and conducting public wharves, in the manner thereby directed, and adequate to the then prices of produce and goods, which wharfingers were, by the said acts, liable to account for, in case of damage, robbery, or loss:

"That, since the said two acts were passed, and more especially since the commencement of the present war, every contingent charge attending, and unavoidably incurred by, the keeping of public wharves has nearly, and in some instances fully, doubled; and, among the various charges alluded to, the petitioners beg leave to particularize wharf-rent, negro-hire, clerks salaries, taxes, prices of produce, and the price of lumber necessary to keep their wharves in repair, and in proper condition for the reception and storing of goods and produce:

"That, unless the rates limited by the said acts are enlarged, the petitioners must suffer considerable loss, for, independent of the considerations before-mentioned, the capital embarked by the petitioners on their wharves, does not at present yield them a profit by any means equal to the legal interest of money."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Shaw, Mr. Murray, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Perry; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house; and that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner.

A petition of Flora Zeney, of the parish of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Flora Zeney's petition.

"That

" That the petitioner's husband, Joseph Zeney, rendered very important services to this island during the maroon war, for which he has hitherto been very incompetently rewarded as the petitioner is informed, and as she understands is well known to several members of the house, and to the leaders of the army on that occasion :

" That the said Joseph Zeney sailed for Newcastle, in Great Britain, on the 7th November, 1796, in the ship Ambuscade, which ship has not since been heard of:

" That the petitioner is thereby left in the utmost distress, with seven young helpless children; and, as she lives in a deficiency house, she is by law precluded from parish assistance."

And praying for relief.

A motion being made, that the above petition be referred to a committee, to enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house;

Debate.

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative :

Ordered,

That Mr. Perry, Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Stewart, be a committee for that purpose.

Gunpowder bill reported; and

The house, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, " An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder; and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;" and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Bryan took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Bryan, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the remaining part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that title be, "*An act to repeal an act, passed in the year 1744, entitled, ' An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder; and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;' and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms.*"

Provision embargo bill, committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarras, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Thompson took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Thompson, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be,

“ An act to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of fire and other provisions from this island, for a limited time.”

The order of the day, for the house to resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for raising a tax on land within this island; and applying the same to several uses, being read; Commitment of land-tax bill postponed.

Resolved,

That the said order be postponed until this day fortnight.

Resolved,

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to request that he will be pleased to order the several superintendants of the different maroon-towns, to send a return to his honour, of the number of maroons in the town, to the 1st of November next year, such as they sent this year; and that he will order the superintendant of Accompong Town to amend his return, by putting down, on oath, whether there are any and what number of slaves in the said town, the supposed or reputed property of any maroon, that the same may be laid before the house.

Return of maroons for 1798.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house sundry accounts and memorials; of which the following is a list.”

Message from lieutenant-governor, with accounts of army contingencies,

- No. 1. Account of Robert Thomson, for 63d regiment.
2. Ditto of ditto, for ditto.
3. Ditto of ditto, for 62d regiment.
4. Ditto of ditto, for ditto.
5. Ditto of ditto, for ditto.
6. Ditto of ditto, for general Whitelocke's baggage.
7. Ditto of ditto, for 3d Irish brigade.
8. Certificates for the 83d regiment.
9. Account of Robert Thomson, for 17th light dragoons.
10. Ditto of ditto, for 13th light dragoons.
11. Ditto of ditto, for 3d West-India regiment.
12. Ditto of Judith Josephs, for 63d regiment, assigned to Robert Thomson.
13. Ditto of Robert Thomson, for 63d regiment.
14. Ditto of ditto, for 83d regiment and 20th light dragoons.
15. Certificates for 60th regiment.
16. Account of Collins and company, for 62d regiment.
17. Ditto of ditto, for 66th regiment.
18. Ditto of ditto, for 5th Irish brigade.
19. Ditto of ditto, for 63d regiment.
20. Ditto of ditto, for ditto.
21. Ditto of ditto, for 60th regiment.
22. Ditto of ditto, for 62d regiment.
23. Ditto of G. A. Shaw.
24. Ditto of ditto, for 62d regiment.
25. Ditto of ditto.
26. Ditto of ditto, for 63d regiment.

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27. Account of G. A. Shaw, for 63d regiment.
28. Ditto of ditto, for 62d regiment.
29. Ditto of Clotworthy Dobbin, for pioneers hire for 40th regiment.
30. Ditto of ditto, for ditto 5th Irish brigade.
31. Ditto of William McRobbie.
32. Ditto of 3d regiment of Irish brigade.
33. Ditto of lodging-money 3d regiment of Irish brigade.
34. Account of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade.
35. Ditto of pioneers hire for 3d regiment of Irish brigade.
36. Account of 13th light dragoons.
37. Account of lodging-money due the officers of the 17th light dragoons, quartered at Port-Royal.
38. Account of Grace Mehan.
39. Ditto of messieurs Malcolm and Pattersons.
40. Ditto of Nathaniel and George Gray.
41. Ditto of David Ross, for supplying Apollles-Battery with water.
42. Ditto of Nathaniel and George Gray, for 17th light dragoons.
43. Ditto of G. R. Johnson, esquire.
44. Ditto of Benjamin Lenison.
45. Ditto of T. McDermot, esquire.
46. Ditto of Robert Thomson.
47. Ditto of David Ross.
48. Memorial of major-general Bowyer.
49. Ditto of captain Campbell, aid-de-camp to major-general Bowyer.
50. Ditto of William Collet.
51. Ditto of John McDonald.
52. Ditto of ditto.
53. Ditto of ditto.
54. Ditto of Charles Lind, surgeon to the forces.

NOTE, For these several accounts and memorials see appendix, No. III.

Ordered,

That the above message, and the papers therewith sent, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Martis, 14^o die Decembris, 1797.

Præfatus. ORDERED,

That the following message be sent to his Honour the Lieutenant-governor:

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"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to direct the several superintendants of the different maroon-towns, to send a return to your honour, of the number of negroes in the town, to the 1st November next year, such as they sent this year; and that your honour will also be pleased to order the superintendant of the ensuing town to amend his return, by putting down, on oath, whether there are any, and what number of slaves in the said town, the supposed or reputed property of any maroon, that the same may be laid before the house.

M. Stagg to his honour, respecting maroons.

Ordered,

That Mr. Murray and Mr. Finlayson be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, it should be done.

The engrossed bill to repeal an act, passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty-four, entitled, 'An act to regulate the selling of gun powder; and to prevent the selling of fire arms to slaves;' and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms, was read the third time:

Gunpowder bill passed.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

The engrossed bill to enable the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty's royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time, was read the third time:

Provision embargo bill passed.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Henckell and Mr. Macleod be a committee to carry the above engrossed bills to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter he had received from Mr. Johnson, informing him of his being indisposed, and requesting leave of absence for a few days:

Leave of absence to Mr. Johnson.

Ordered,

That he have leave of absence accordingly.

A petition of William Cleland, of the parish of Kingston, wharfinger, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

W. Cleland's petition.

"That, on the 6th of April last, five very large heavy cases, containing the monument of the late earl of Effingham, were landed from on board the ship Phoenix, on the wharf of the petitioner, and there remained until the 17th May following, when the same were delivered to the order of Lewis Cuthbert, esquire, one of the commissioners of the board of works:

"That the petitioner was put to very great trouble and expence, in hiring negroes, and procuring blocks, falls, tackles &c. for landing the said cases, and in putting the same into waggons, for the purpose of being conveyed to Spanish-Town, the usual number of negroes, &c. generally used on wharves being insufficient for the purpose:

"That the petitioner presented the annexed account to the board of works for payment, and was referred to the house."

And praying for relief.

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NOTE, For account see appendix, No. IV.

Ordered,

That the above petition and account be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St. Catherine.

A petition of several freeholders of the parish of Saint Catherine, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioners are proprietors of settlements in the said parish, whereon provisions, corn, pimenta, and coffee, are cultivated.

“ That, within a short distance from certain parts of the road leading from Spanish-Town, called the Cedar-Valley road, is a barquadier well calculated for the transportation of produce to Kingston, in small craft:

“ That, if a road formerly laid out from part of the aforesaid road, to the said barquadier, should be repaired, it would afford the petitioners the means of sending the produce of their settlements to market at an easy expence, thereby encouraging their industrious endeavours to promote the cultivation of their plantations:

“ That such road would diminish considerably the distance of passage between Kingston and the northside parishes, the good effects of which will be generally experienced in the event of the overflowing of the Rio-Cobre; and the petitioners beg leave to represent to the house, that, in the year 1793, when the said river continued overflowed for a considerable time, many inhabitants of Kingston, and some officers of his majesty's troops quartered there, who happened then to be at the northside, were, by means of the Cedar-Valley road alone, enabled to return to their respective occupations, and the same was then also the only road through which the post between Kingston and leeward could pass:

“ That the petitioners are unable, without some assistance from the house, to repair the said road leading to the barquadier aforesaid, so as to render it safe of passage:

“ That no public money has ever been applied for, or granted, for the repair of the said road.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

Agency bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for appointing an agent in Great-Britain, to solicit the passing of laws; and for transacting, in Great-Britain, other public affairs of this island; and for empowering the members of his majesty's council, the speaker and the members of the assembly, for the time being, as occasion shall require, to give instructions for such his management:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be,

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“ An act for appointing an agent in Great-Britain, to solicit the passing of laws; and for transacting, in Great-Britain, other public affairs of this island; and for empowering the members of his majesty's council, the speaker and the members of the assembly, for the time being, as occasion shall require, to give instructions for such his management.”

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits; and on the public offices; and for applying the same to several uses: Rum bill committed.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. W. Ross took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. W. Ross, from the committee, acquainted the house, that they had gone through part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, when the house would be pleased to receive the same:

Ordered,

That the report be received to-morrow.

Report deferred.

The house being informed, that the naval officer attended at the door, he was called in, and, at the bar, presented to the house, according to order, a return of the coffee, the produce of this island, exported to Great-Britain and America, from the 1st August, 1787, to the 1st August, 1797: Return of coffee presented.

And then he withdrew:

And the said return being read, is as follows:

An account of COFFEE, the produce of this island, exported to Great-Britain and America, from the 1st August, 1787, to the 1st August, 1797; viz.

<i>From</i>		<i>lbs. to Great-Britain.</i>	<i>lbs. to America.</i>
1st August, 1787, to 1st August, 1788,	-	808,528	393,273
1789,	-	1,204,649	382,489
1790,	-	1,412,241	427,130
1791,	-	2,114,326	291,764
1792,	-	2,708,548	144,849
1793,	-	3,543,003	69,657
1794,	-	4,314,290	257,103
1795,	-	4,452,611	1,479,961
1796,	-	5,273,814	1,757,444
1797,	-	6,708,272	1,223,349
Total	-	32,540,282	6,427,019

Naval office, Kingston, Jamaica, 11th November, 1797.

DAVID INNES, naval officer.

Ordered,

That the above return be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Mr. Cockburn, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill, to appoint commissioners to inspect the books of the receiver general, and to settle and adjust the public accounts; which was received, and read the first time: Commissioners of public accounts, bill presented.

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That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Collection of taxes,
bill presented.

Mr. Cockburn, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill, for the more speedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Bill to amend St.
Thomas in the Vale
highway act, pre-
sented.

Mr. Cuthbert, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill, further to explain and amend "An act to enable the justices and vestry of St. Thomas in the Vale, more effectually to repair the highways in the said parish, and the highway leading from the said parish to the town of St. Jago de la Vega;" and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Bill for taking pro-
bates of crop ac-
counts, presented.

Mr. Perry, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill, to authorize the swearing to accounts of produce before any judge of the supreme court, or before the chief or any assistant judge of any of the courts of common pleas, within this island; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Ordered,

Returns of road-tax
ordered.

That the clerks of the different vestries in this island do, on or before the 1st day of December next, make a return to the house, of the rate *per* head of the road-tax in their respective parishes, for the three last years, and averaging each year:

Ordered,

That the above resolution of the house, be published in the several newspapers of this island, for two weeks.

Ordered,

Lists of untried ac-
tions, contested mo-
tions, &c. ordered.

That the clerk of the supreme court do forthwith lay before the house, a return of the number of actions now remaining untried for the county of Middlesex, and also an exact list of the contested motions and demurrers, now depending in the said court, with the dates at which such motions and demurrers were respectively entered on the court list.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Mercurii, 15^o die Novembris, 1797.

Prayers. **T**HE engrossed bill to appoint an agent in Great-Britain, to solicit the Agency Bill passed.
passing of laws; and for transacting, in Great-Britain, other public af-
fairs of this island; and for empowering the members of his majesty's council, the speaker
and the members of the assembly, for the time being, as occasion shall require, to give in-
structions for such his management, was read the third time.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Ordered.

That Mr. Henry and Mr. Telfer be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. W. Ross, in his place, according to order, read the amendments made to the bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits; and on the public offices; and applying the same to several uses, in a committee of the whole house upon the said bill, yesterday, and delivered the same in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Then Mr. W. Ross acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved,

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the said bill.

The bill to appoint commissioners to inspect the books of the receiver-general, and to settle and adjust the public accounts, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for the more speedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill further to explain and amend "An act to enable the justices and vestry of St. Thomas in the Vale, more effectually to repair the highways in the said parish, and the highway leading from the said parish to the town of St. Jago de la Vega;" and for other purposes, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill to authorize the swearing to accounts of produce before any judge of the supreme court, or before the chief or any assistant judge of any of the courts of common pleas, within this island, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Committee on rum bill, report progress.

Commissioners public accounts bill, read second time.

Collection of taxes bill, read second time.

St. Thomas in Vale amended highway bill, read second time.

Bill for taking probates of crop accounts, read second time.

Petition of S. Shelly,
attorney of Thomas
Jenkins.

A petition of Seba Shelly, of the parish of St. Ann, the lawful attorney in this island of Thomas Jenkins, late of the said parish, merchant, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the said Thomas Jenkins paid and advanced several sums of money, for the supplying sundry troops at different times, during the maroon rebellion, amounting to the sum of 110*l.* 15*s.*

“ That the public is further indebted to the said Thomas Jenkins, in the sum of 45*l.* for negro labour, wharfage, and shipping the baggage of a detachment of the 62d regiment, and 160 maroons; as also the baggage of a detachment of the 17th dragoons, and 11 maroons, as stated in an account annexed:

“ That the said Thomas Jenkins, in October, 1795. was ordered on actual service, with a detachment of militia from the parish of St. Ann, and did proceed to the parish of Trelawny, where he continued until February, 1796:

“ That the said Thomas Jenkins, some time in July following, was seized with a paralytic affection, and continued dangerously ill, till September in the same year, when he sailed for America:

“ That the said Thomas Jenkins, from the suddenness and long continuance of his illness, was scarce able to subscribe his name, and did not leave any power of attorney in this island, but the petitioner hath lately received such power from the said Thomas Jenkins.”

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For accounts see appendix, No. V.*

Ordered,

That the above petition and accounts be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St.
Ann's.

A petition of the magistrates, vestrymen, and freeholders, of the parish of St. Ann, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That many of the old roads through the country have been very injudiciously laid out, which was particularly the case with that from St. Ann's Bay to Clarendon:

“ That the petitioners have, at great labour and expence, sanctioned by a jury, laid out a tract, on the system of levelling, from the said bay to the confines of the parish, at Pedro-River, so easy that carriages may be worked upon every part of it, and is one and the same with the road to town, for about nine miles from St. Ann's Bay; then takes a southerly direction, through the middle of Pedro's Valley, at the southernmost pens of which, another road may branch off into the Vale of Luidas, as the petitioners have ascertained, by the laborious search and examination of sundry trusty persons, employed by the vestry for that purpose:

“ That the general utility of this undertaking is so obvious, as not to require to be enlarged on; and the petitioners beg leave to represent to the house, that the expences attending its accomplishment are too great for a single parish, the distance from the intersection of the town road to Pedro-River, being thirteen miles.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.
Mary's.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That a road has lately been laid out from Mortar-Hall, in the said parish, to the intersection of the road leading from St. Thomas in the Vale to Port-Maria, through

Road from Mount-Maurice, in the parish of Port-Royal, through Westphalia and Mount-Hybla, to join the pre- sent king's road	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
	-	-	-	50	0	0
Road from Mount-Airy, in St. Andrew, to Fort-Stewart, in St. George	-	-	-	109	0	0
Road from the ridge to Seaman's Valley, on the road leading from Bath to Port-Antonio	-	-	-	250	0	0
Road from Bath to the ridge, on the road leading to Port- Antonio	-	-	-	250	0	0
Road from Eden, in St. George, to Silver-Hill	-	-	-	500	0	0
Road through the mountains, by Darliston, to Lenox	300	0	0			
Amount paid in September, 1797	111	13	5	188	6	7
Road leading over the mountains, to Bluefields	-	-	-	300	0	0
Road known by the name of Foss's road, commencing from Biddeford, in Trelawny, to the line of St. Ann's	-	-	-	600	0	0
Road from the bridge over Great-River, into the old bar- rack road, to the line dividing the parishes of Westmor- land and Hanover	-	-	-	200	0	0
Road from Glasgow estate to Lucea	-	-	-	200	0	0
Road from Glasgow estate to Green-Island	-	-	-	200	0	0
Road called Eldersley road, in the parish of St. Elizabeth	-	-	-	200	0	0
Road from Pepper plantation, to the fig-tree, in Clarendon	-	-	-	200	0	0
Road called Eldersley road, in the parish of St. James	-	-	-	200	0	0
Road called Chesterfield road, in the parish of St. James	-	-	-	100	0	0
Road from the Eldersley road, at or near Springfield es- tate, into the Chesterfield road, at or near Montpelier	-	-	-	300	0	0

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14th November, 1797.

THO. HOLCOMBE, p. R. G.

*An account of what money is remaining in the hands of the receiver-general, granted
for the public roads, prior to the session of 1796.*

	l.	s.	d.
Road in St. Ann, from Hull's gate westward	470	0	7
Road in St. Ann, from Voce's to Hull's gate	67	12	1
Road from Palmetto-Grove, to St. Thomas in the Vale	13	0	3
Road from Vauxhall, in St. Elizabeth, commonly called Eldersley road	416	13	4
Road to avoid Roaring-River Hill, in St. Ann's	13	0	3
Road between St. Elizabeth and St. James, called the Chesterfield road	496	8	5
Road from the foot of Dears's mountain, to Stoney-Hill	8	5	10
Road from Bog-Walk, to the dividing-line between St. Thomas in the Vale and St. Andrew	41	0	0
Road from Bogue estate, to Grove-Place, in St. Elizabeth	341	12	9
Road from Temple-Hall gate to Tom's River	209	4	6
Road from Tom's River to Agualta-Vale	19	6	3
Road from Swift-River to Woolfry's mountain	239	0	3
Road from Glasgow estate to Lucea	25	16	3
Road from Hatley's tavern, to Johnson's Gut, in St. David	199	17	6
Road from Hope estate to the Botanic Garden	6	19	7
Trustees of road from Pepper penn to Dry-River	300	0	0

Road

1797.

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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Road from Æolus works to Petersfield sugar-canes	-	5	0
Road from Thomas's grafts-piece to Cold-Spring Hill	-	145	3
Road from Simpson's gate to the east gate of Hull's penn	-	100	0
Road from Louitburgh to Glengoffe's	-	22	17
Road from Montego-Bay to the interfection of the St. Ann's road	1800	0	0
Road from Bath to the ridge, on the road leading from Bath to Port-Antonio	-	9	8
Road from the Bath road, through Nanny-Town, to road from Swift-River to Silver-Hill	-	400	0
Road from Williamsfield to Yates's, in St. Thomas in the Vale	150	0	0
Road from Grove-Place, towards St. Elizabeth, through Petersfield	250	0	0
Road from the east entrance of Kelly's penn to Hull's gate	290	7	8
Road through Bull-Head penn and Aurora, to Lucea	300	0	0
	6340	14	4

14th November, 1797.

THO. HOLCOMBE, p. R. G.

Ordered,

That the above accounts do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Ordered,

That the several collecting constables who are in arrear to the public, for taxes for the present and preceding years, or the representatives of those who are dead, do attend this house, on or before the 6th day of December next :

Collecting constables to attend the house.

Ordered,

That the above resolution of the house, be published in the several newspapers of this island, for two weeks.

Ordered,

That Mr. Fitch and Mr. Mowat, or either of them, be a committee to inspect the journals of the council,

Council's journals,

Two messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows :

First message.

" MR. SPEAKER,

" I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, the last general return of the militia of Jamaica, in conformity to their message of the 10th instant."

Message from the lieutenant governor, with return of militia.

A GENERAL RETURN of the MILITIA of JAMAICA.

OFFICERS.																		NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS, PRIVATES, &c.																	
COMMISSIONED.						STAFF.						WHITES.						VULGARS.						BLACKS.											
Colonels.	Lieutenant-colonels.	Majors.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Cornets & ensigns.	Chaplains.	Adjutants.	Quartermasters.	Surgeons.	Wates.	Serjeants.	Trumpets & drums.	Rank and file.	Serjeants.	Drums and files.	Rank and file.	Serjeants.	Drums and files.	Rank and file.	TOTAL.															
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1	2	2	11	24	23	1	1	25	1	3	27	4	329							454															
1	2	2	9	16	16	1	1	12	1	5	29	4	286							385															
3	6	7	32	58	55	3	3	47	3	14	83	14	882							1210															
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JOHN CLINTON McANUFF, adjutant-general militia.

A COMPARATIVE STATE of the MILITIA of JAMAICA in 1796 and 1797.
By the adjutant-general's return, dated 18th March, 1796, the total of the militia of Jamaica, was 7423
By the return, dated the 31st October, 1797, the total number is 392
Deficiency in 1797 7796

In both returns the effectives are stated thus:

Cavalry.—By the return 1796, the cavalry was stated at 1019
Deduct trumpets and drums, included in that return 13
1029

By the return in 1797, the cavalry is 965
Decrease in cavalry 64
1029

INFANTRY.

WHITES.

By the return in 1796, the white infantry in Surrey, was 925
Middlesex 1242
Cornwall 1375—3542
Deduct for fives and drums 19
3523

By the return in 1797, the white infantry in Surrey, is 977
Middlesex 1172
Cornwall 1374—3523

BROWNS.

By the return in 1796, the brown infantry in Surrey, was 417
Middlesex 613
Cornwall 527—1557
Deduct for fives and drums 53
1504

By the return in 1797, the brown infantry in Surrey, is 324
Middlesex 540
Cornwall 467—1331

BLACKS.

By the return in 1796, the black infantry in Surrey, was 207
Middlesex 303
Cornwall 79—744
Deduct for fives and drums 122
642

By the return in 1797, the black infantry in Surrey, is 220
Middlesex 211
Cornwall 38—469

ABSTRACT of present EFFECTIVE STRENGTH of MILITIA. RANK and FILE, and COMPARATIVE STATE THEREOF, with the EFFECTIVE STRENGTH of the MILITIA, in 1796.

Effective strength of the militia by the return, in 1796
Deduct trumpets, drums, and fives, included in that return

Effective strength by the present return—White cavalry, 64
Infantry 173
Brown infantry 173
Black infantry 410

Deficiency accounted for—In white cavalry, 64
Brown infantry, 173
Black infantry, 173

Total 6288

Deficiency 210

JOHN CLINTON MANUFF, adjutant-general militia.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the above message, and the return therewith sent, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Second message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

Message from Lieutenant-governor with accounts.

“ *I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house sundry memorials and accounts; of which the following is a list.*”

- No. 1. Petition of lieutenant Powney.
 2. Memorial of Hugh Clough.
 3. Account of the 83d regiment.
 4. Account of lieutenant-colonel M'Dermott.
 5. Account of John M. Dwyer.

NOTE, *For these accounts see appendix, No. VI.*

Ordered,

That the above message, and papers therewith sent, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Allman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Tobis, 16^o die Novembris, 1797.

Mr Frazer attends, and takes the oaths.

Prayers. JOHN Hutchinson Frazer, esquire, attending, took the usual oaths, and his seat, accordingly.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to the council:

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Council's Journals.

“ *We are ordered by the house to acquaint your honours, that they have appointed Mr. Fitch and Mr. Mowat, or either of them, a committee to inspect the journals of your board.*

Ordered,

That Mr. Fitch and Mr. Mowat be a committee to carry the above message to the council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker laid before the house, a letter he had received from Mr. Dawson informing him, that the state of his health rendered his return to the island, so soon as he had expected, impossible, and requesting leave of absence:

Ordered,

That he have further leave of absence for twelve months, if he shall be so long absent from the island.

A petition of Thomas March, superintendant of Scott's Hall, in St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Thomas March's petition.

"That the petitioner is obliged, by law, to reside constantly at Scott's Hall, where there is no house allowed for his residence.

"That the house allowed former superintendants 50*l. per annum*, for lodging-money."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A petition of Thomas Stevenson, sole executor of David Dickson, late of the parish of St. Catherine, printer, deceased, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition of T. Stevenson, executor to D. Dickson.

"That sundry printing business for the public service, has been done and performed at the St. Jago Gazette printing-office; the particulars whereof are set forth in the annexed account, and for which no payment hath been made."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. VII.*

A petition of Stevenson and Aikman, surviving copartners of Stevenson, Dickson, and Aikman, of the parish of Kingston, printers, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Stevenson and Aikman's petition.

"That sundry printing business for government, has been done and performed at the Diary printing-office, in Kingston; the particulars whereof are set forth in the annexed account, and for which no payment hath been made,"

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. VIII.*

A petition of James Veitch, of the parish of St. James, practitioner in physic and surgery, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, James Veitch's petition.

"That the petitioner presented to the late assembly, in April, 1796, his petition, praying payment of two several accounts thereto annexed, and which were referred to the consideration of a committee:

"That the said committee, in their report to the house thereon, only mentioned one of the said accounts, recommending payment of it:

"That the petitioner is induced to believe, that, from the multiplicity of business, and variety of papers before the said committee, his other account escaped their notice."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above three petitions, and accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts; with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition

William Pike's petition.

A petition of William Pike, quartermaster of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, and late purveyor of the hospital in Spanish-Town, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner expended, for the use of his majesty's troops, whilst doing duty over the maroons, on board the armed vessels in the harbour of Port-Royal, the sum of 35*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.* as stated in the annexed account, marked A:

"That the petitioner also advanced unto the lieutenant and paymaster of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, the lodging-money due to the officers of the said regiment, amounting to the sum of 76*l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* as by the account and receipt hereunto annexed, marked B:

"That the petitioner has contracted, for the hire of pioneers for the said regiment, the sum of 127*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* as *per* account certified, marked C, hereunto annexed:

"That the petitioner has paid, for sundries for the said regiment, the sum of 38*l.* 4*s.* 2½*d.* as *per* the annexed account and affidavit, marked D:

"That the petitioner has supplied the hospital, with necessaries for the convalescents, and, on balance of accounts, there is justly due to him, on the old account of the said hospital, the sum of 109*l.* 14*s.* 1½*d.* and, on the late account, the sum of 122*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* as *per* the said accounts, marked E and F, hereunto annexed."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, For these several accounts *see* appendix, No. IX.

And a motion being made, that the above petition and accounts be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts;

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative:

Ordered,

That the said committee enquire into the allegations set forth in the said petition, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St. Mary and St. Thomas in the Vale.

A petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parishes of St. Mary and St. Thomas in the Vale, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That a new road from Hog-Hole estate, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Indian-River, in the said parish, and from thence to Palmeto-Grove estate, in St. Mary, has been laid out as heretofore represented to the house:

"That the said road from Palmeto-Grove works, to Port-Maria-Bay, has been a carriage-road for some years past:

"That the completing the aforesaid new road will not only be a great advantage to the settlers of the said parishes, but also the shortest and most general road of communication between Spanish-Town and Port-Maria:

"That the petitioners are unable to complete the same, without the further aid of the house."

And praying for relief.

Petition from the same.

A petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parishes of St. Mary and St. Thomas in the Vale, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That a road has been laid out from Indian-River, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, to Palmeto-Grove, in St. Mary, as formerly represented to the house:

"That the road from Port-Maria-Bay to Palmeto-Grove works has been a carriage-road for some years past:

"That

“ That the completing the aforefaid road, will not only be a very great advantage to the fettlers in the Vale of Port-Maria, and the fettlers in the parishes of St. Mary and St. Thomas in the Vale, but alfo the moft general and fhorteft road of communication between Spanifh-Town and Port-Maria :

“ That it is not within the ability of the petitioners to complete the fame, without the further aid of the houfe.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of fundry of the inhabitants, of the upper part of the parish of St. Mary, was prefented to the houfe, and read, fetting forth,

Petition from St. Mary's.

“ That the petitioners are moftly new fettlers, and at a confiderable diftance from any wain-road leading to their neareft barquadier, and that the only road in anywife convenient for them, is the new jury-road, No. 55, lately laid out, and extending from Flint-River, through Parker's Vale, Windfor-Caftle, and the Decoy woodland, to Donnington-Caftle works, being in length upwards of five miles :

“ That the grant made by the houfe, in the laft feffion, towards completing the faid road, has been of effential fervice, but not fully adequate :

“ That the faid road, when completed, will be of great utility to the inhabitants of that part of the country.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, was prefented to the houfe, and read, fetting forth,

Petition from St. Thomas in the Vale.

“ That the road which leads from Williamsfield eftate, to the boundary-line between St. Thomas in the Vale and St. Mary, is one of the moft public roads in the ifland :

“ That the affiftance heretofore afforded by the houfe, for the improvement of the faid road, has been found inadequate.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above four petitions be referred to the committee, appointed for appropriating the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing fuch internal roads of communication, as may be neceffary to encourage fettlers to cultivate lands at a diftance from the fea.

The houfe being informed, that the clerk of the fupreme court attended at the door, he was called in, and, at the bar, prefented to the houfe, according to order, a return of the number of actions now remaining untried, for the county of Middlefex ; and alfo a lift of the contefted motions and demurrers now depending in the faid court :

Return of untried actions, &c. prefented.

And then he withdrew :

And the faid return and lift being feverally read ;

Ordered,

That the fame do lie on the table, to be perufed by the members.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill, for laying a duty on all negro flaves that fhall be imported into this ifland, from the coaft of Africa, after a time to be limited, who fhall be above a certain age, and for regulating the manner of afcertaining fuch age ;

Motion for new negro duty.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Shirley, and Mr. Frafer, be a committee for that purpofe.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Altman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker*.

Veneris, 17^o die Novembris, 1797.

Additional party
bill, presented.

Prayers. **M**R. Murray, according to order, presented to the house, a bill in aid of the party law now in force, for the purpose of authorizing and empowering the commander in chief for the time being, to raise and fit out parties to go in pursuit of runaway slaves; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

Report from com-
mittee of accounts.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

That they had enquired into the allegations set forth in the petition of Andrew Dawson, and find, that the provision therein prayed for, was made in one of the money-bills passed in 1796:

That they had examined the account annexed to the petition of William Burrowes, late deputy-marshal and keeper of the gaol for the county of Middlesex, for the maintenance of prisoners confined in the said gaol for debt, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 18*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* should be paid.

That they had taken into consideration the petition of William Pranch, and examined the account thereto annexed, being for the hire of negroes, for the use of the garrison of Fort-Augusta, amounting to 102*l.* 10*s.* which, they are of opinion, should be paid:

That they had likewise taken into consideration the account of George Abrams Shaw, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant governor's message of the 10th November instant, for the hire of a negro, cart, and mules, for the service of the 67th regiment, which, the committee are of opinion, ought not to be paid, the said regiment not having been on the island establishment:

That they had likewise examined the account of Clotworthy Dobbin, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of pioneers, for the use of the 5th regiment of the Irish brigade, amounting to 45*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* which they are of opinion, ought to be paid:

That they had likewise examined the account of William McRobbie, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the same service, amounting to 119*l.* which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid:

That they had likewise examined the account of Abraham Melhado, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of a pioneer, for the use of the 13th regiment of light dragoons, amounting to 19*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* which they are of opinion, ought to be paid:

That

That they had likewise examined the account of John Fitzpatrick, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of pioneers, for the use of the 3d regiment of the Irish brigade, and, after deducting 20s. for an error in calculation, are of opinion, that the sum of 35*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* should be paid, in full of the said account:

That they had likewise examined a contingent account of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, sent down to the house in the same message, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 8*l.* should be paid:

That they had likewise examined the account of lodging-money of the officers of the said regiment, sent down to the house in the same message, amounting to 118*l.* 3*s.* 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d.* which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid:

That they had likewise examined the account of lodging-money of the officers of the 17th regiment of light dragoons, sent down to the house in the same message, and, after deducting 1*l.* for errors in calculation, are of opinion, that 49*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* should be paid, in full of the said account:

That they had likewise examined the account of Grace Mecham, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of a house, as a mess-room for the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 29*l.* 6*s.* should be paid:

That they had likewise examined the account of Malcolm, Paterfon, and company, sent down to the house in the same message, being for sundry articles furnished for the use of Fort-Charlotte, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 4*l.* 10*s.* should be paid:

That they had likewise examined the account of Nathaniel and George Gray, sent down to the house in the same message, being for two years cloathing of four black shet. attached to Fort-Charlotte, amounting to 40*l.* which, they are of opinion, ought to be paid to them; as also the further sum of 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* in full of an account sent down to the house in the same message, for a half barrel of gun-powder, delivered for the service of the said fort:

That they had likewise examined the account of George Robert Johnson, sent down to the house in the same message, being for supplying a detachment of the 17th light dragoons, at Lucea barracks, with wood, and are of opinion, that the sum of 90*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* should be paid, in full of the said account:

That they had likewise examined the account of Benjamin Tenison, sent down to the house in the same message, being for supplying water to the said detachment, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 116*l.* should be paid:

That they had likewise examined the account of Robert Thomson, sent down in the same message, being for the hire of a boat, to transport the baggage and ammunition of the 13th light dragoons, from Savanna-la-Mar to Parker's Bay, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 20*l.* should be paid:

That they had likewise examined the account of David Ross, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of pioneers, for the use of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, and are of opinion, the amount thereof, being 92*l.* 10*s.* should be paid:

That they had likewise examined the account of Terence M'Dermott, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the same service, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 18*l.* 10*s.* should be paid:

That they had likewise taken into consideration the memorial of doctor Lind, surgeon to the forces, sent down to the house in the same message, and examined the account annexed thereto, and are of opinion, that the sum of 53*l.* should be paid

paid to him, in full for island subsistence and lodging-money, to 24th December next; and, that the further sum of 24*l.* should be paid to him, on the behalf of doctor Lempriere, late surgeon to the forces, in full for lodging-money due him to the 18th June last :

That they had likewise examined the account annexed to the memorial of lieutenant Penyston Powney, of the royal artillery, sent down to the house in his honour's second message of the 13th November instant, being for contingencies accrued for a detachment of that corps, quartered at Fort-George, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 24*l.* 1*s.* 5½*d.* should be paid :

That they had likewise taken into consideration the memorial of Hugh Clough, hospital assistant surgeon, and keeper of the medical store, sent down to the house in the same message, and are of opinion, that he should be paid the sum of 20*l.* for lodging-money :

That they had likewise examined the account of lieutenant-colonel M'Dermott, of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, sent down to the house in the same message, being for money advanced by him for the hire of pioneers, for the service of the said regiment, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 25*l.* should be paid :

And, that they had likewise examined the account of John Michael Dwyer, sent down to the house in the same message, being for translating and transcribing Spanish papers of a public nature, by order of his honour the lieutenant-governor, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 4*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* should be paid.

Ordered,

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Petition from St.
Catherine's.

A petition of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Catherine, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That, in a former session, the house granted the sum of 200*l.* for the repair and amendment of the road leading from the great Angel road, by the late government mountain, to Tulloch estate, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, which has been expended in the most advantageous manner; but the same, aided with the usual allotment of negro labour from the adjoining settlements, has proved insufficient; and, without the further assistance of the house, will be of little public advantage..”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

St. Thomas in Vale
amended highway
act, committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole upon the bill further to explain and amend “ An act to enable the justices and vestry of St. Thomas in the Vale, more effectually to repair the highways in the said parish, and the highway leading from the said parish to the town of St. Jago de la Vega ;” and for other purposes:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr.

Mr Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "An act further to explain and amend 'An act to enable the justices and vestry of St. Thomas in the Vale, more effectually to repair the highways in the said parish, and the highway leading from the said parish to the town of St. Jago de la Vega;' and for other purposes." Engrossed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to authorize the swearing to accounts of produce, before any judge of the supreme court, or before the chief or any assistant judge of any of the courts of common pleas, within this island: Probate bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Perry took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Perry, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, without making any amendment thereto: Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill be engrossed, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the swearing to accounts of produce, before any judge of the supreme court, or before the chief or any assistant judge of any of the courts of common pleas, within this island." Engrossed.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, Speaker.

Martis, 21^o die Novembris, 1797.

Mayers. THE engrossed bill further to explain and amend "An act to enable the justices and vestry of St. Thomas in the Vale, more effectually to repair the highways in the said parish, and the highway leading from the said parish to the town of St. Jago de la Vega;" and for other purposes, was read the third time: St. Thomas in the Vale turnpike bill passed.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

The engrossed bill to authorize the swearing to accounts of produce, before any judge of the supreme court, or before the chief or any assistant judge of any of the courts of common pleas, within this island, was read the third time: Probate bill passed.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

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Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. Perry and Mr. R. Ross be a committee to carry the above two engrossed bills to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Additional party bill, read second time.

The bill in aid of the party law now in force, for the purpose of authorizing and empowering the commander in chief for the time being, to raise and fit out parties to go in pursuit of runaway slaves, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Capt. Veitch's petition.

A petition of captain John Veitch, commanding Fort-George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That, on his taking charge of the said fort, by order of the commander in chief at that time, and finding it deficient of gunpowder, flag-staff, colours, &c. the petitioner conceived it his duty to lay out and expend several sums of money thereon, as stated in the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, For account see appendix, No. X.

Dr. Walker's petition.

A petition of James Walker, M. D. physician for the county-gaol of Surrey, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 100*l.* being for one year's usual salary, as physician to the said gaol:

"That, since his appointment as such physician, the house have on his petition, been pleased to allow him annually the costs and expence of medicines furnished and supplied the prisoners confined in the said gaol:

"That, since the 9th November, 1796, the time to which his last accounts were stated, he hath furnished and supplied such prisoners with all necessary medicines, amounting to 138*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* as stated in the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, For account see appendix, No. XI.

Ordered,

That the above two petitions, and accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from Clarendon.

A petition of the justices, vestrymen, freeholders, and inhabitants, of the parish of Clarendon, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the money granted by the house, for the repair of the road from Ludlow estate, in the said parish, to the Vale of Luidas, in the parish of St. John, has been faithfully expended:

"That much the greater part of the said road having been found to be injudiciously laid out, and that the repairing of it would have been but a waste of public money, the commissioners found it necessary to form a new track nearly the whole of the way, which has so considerably increased the expence, that, notwithstanding the work has been conducted with all possible economy, the grant has proved insufficient:

"That the road, when finished, will probably be of more public utility than most other roads of internal communication, by reason of its completely uniting the

the upper parts of St. Ann's and Clarendon, with St. John and other parishes to windward, are still rendered accessible to wheels, an immense tract of inland country, situated nearly in the centre of the island."

And praying for relief.

A petition of several freeholders and inhabitants of the parishes of St. John and St. Catherine, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. John and St. Catherine.

"That the road leading through the Crescent pen, unto the interior of the parish of St. John, passes through several settlements now in a state of improvement, but, being much in want of repair, their productions cannot be conveyed to market, but at a very heavy expence to the proprietors; who, notwithstanding liberal contributions under the highway law, and otherwise, are unable to bestow on it the necessary amendment:

"That the said road, by communicating with the St. John's great road, opens a safe passage into the parishes of Clarendon, St. Thomas in the Vale, and several parts to leeward, whereby travelling and post conveyances will be greatly facilitated, between the towns and the leeward parts, in the event of the Rio-Cobre being overflowed:

"That the said road has never been assisted in its repair, by any grant of public money, wherefore the petitioners submit they are now entitled to the favour of the house."

And praying for relief

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of St. Thomas in the Vale, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Thomas in the Vale;

"That the petitioners have, at a considerable expence, turned the great road from Spanish Town to St. Mary, through New Works, Burton's, and Mickleton, by which it is rendered easier and shorter:

"That the road alliment usually raised, is inadequate to its repair."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above three petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for the more speedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due: Public taxes bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cockburn took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cockburn, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house: Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.
 "An act for the more speedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due."

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house

Commissioners public accounts bill committed.

house, upon the bill to appoint commissioners to inspect the books of the receiver-general, and to settle and adjust the public accounts:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cockburn took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Cockburn, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to appoint commissioners to inspect the books of the receiver-general, and to settle and adjust the public accounts.*"

Two messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

First message.

M^R. SPEAKER,

Message from lieutenant-governor, with letter, &c. from Mr. Quarrell.

"*I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house a letter from Mr. Quarrell, addressed to his honour, dated Halifax, 12th October, 1797:*

"*Also, a further account, entitled, 'The island of Jamaica in general account current with William Davies Quarrell,' dated Halifax, October 15, 1797, marked D:*

"*Also a book of vouchers from Mr. Quarrell, which his honour has received from Officer Hering, esquire, dated Halifax, October 14, 1797.*

"*Also, another book, signed by Mr. Quarrell, as commissary for maroons, which explains the interior economy, distribution of the maroon families, and other details.*

'MY LORD,

Halifax, October 12. 1797.

"This is accompanied with my account current for the last quarter, which, with a small supplementary one, consisting of little that I know at present but the deeds of conveyance, closes the business of my mission: With the same is added, a list of the bills drawn on messieurs Milligan and Mitchell, with the dates; also, in a copied book, receipts for sundry property delivered to sir John Wentworth, with a requisition from him of 600*l*. sterling, on my surrender to him of the charge, and his receipt thereon.

"As I have not, in any one instance, had due honour done to my drafts on account of the island of Jamaica and many bills now remain under notation. I feel myself in a very unpleasant situation, and I fear the consequent discredit will detain me here much longer than I could wish: I have not been able, for some time past, to get my drafts negotiated: Of bills to the amount of 2800*l*. sterling, which I sent to London three months ago, 200*l*. I have negotiated at par, 1000*l*. at 5 per cent discount, and 1600*l*. remain now there, in a very hopeless state, although in the hands of a man of much weight and credit, Mr. McDonogh, the British consul:

ful: Should these be returned to me, which I expect will be the case, I shall not be able to turn them to use, from the low credit I am placed in by the above-mentioned circumstance; and, in addition to my present distress, should Mitchell and Milligan return any more bills, which their letters, dated _____ hint a probability of, for want of funds; personally as I stand engaged, a security for the island of Jamaica, so far from having the most distant idea of being permitted to depart from hence, I look to a confinement here, during a long and rigorous winter; and, under the most favourable consideration, a prisoner on parole, at a considerable expence to myself, and injury to my private affairs; nay, even a worse situation is inferable, from the language held by some whose accounts are yet unpaid.

‘ I once conceived, my lord, I had been sent here in the confidence of the island of Jamaica, and might have been consulted on the disposal of the maroons, at least might have been permitted to have given some information, before any decisive measures had been taken respecting them; and I must candidly say, my lord, had I been in a situation to have given a vote on the occasion, I should have been against determining an *ex parte* bargain, as a thing that was conclusively to have bound another: Our *col.* sterling *per head* to sir John Wentworth, to complete the business, and discharge us, is more than expended already in his first quarter; and really, to be candid and honest with you, as I am in duty bound, in a responsible character, I must tell you no calculation can be made on the termination of this business, on its present footing; my personal attendance alone, can furnish certain particulars the house of assembly should necessarily possess; it is beyond a doubt calculated here, that the island must be long burdened with the expence.

‘ Should the session terminate before my arrival in the island, which I greatly apprehend may be the case, my accounts will remain a year longer before they are laid before the house; on report, as I presume, no settlement can take place without my personal attendance, which is absolutely necessary for their being properly understood; this delay I cannot but lament, although it may afford me the satisfaction of having them contrasted with those of my successor.

‘ The packet which accompanies this, for the greater safety of conveyance, I take the liberty of requesting your lordship to send, as directed, to Oliver Hering, *in Spanish-Town, only*; I must avail myself of such safe opportunities as offer, of sending such of my vouchers as I can detach from the rest, serving to give information, in case of any accident to myself: Had my accounts here been settled and paid, I should have sailed in the ship Stag, which was overset in the harbour’s mouth, going out, and lost in a severe gale of wind, on the 9th ultimo: The unlooked-for ravages among my friends, induces me to place my papers, in case of accidents, in the hands of those who I conceive may be disposed to interest themselves to serve me: Should Hering be of the dead list, they may be transferred to Redon, G. C. Ricketts, Cuthbert, Atkinson, William and Edward Bullock. I wish it was in my power to embrace so favourable an opportunity of leaving this, as in the Maidstone; no less than three good offers present themselves, in as many weeks, neither of which am I likely to avail myself of; and I see no probability of avoiding a lonesome winter, out of Halifax, in this my present residence, and God knows how, being deprived of the aids my former situation afforded me, even that of fuel, a very necessary article in this place, Dartmouth, a small village a mile and more from Halifax, across the harbour, on a peninsula projecting therein, built for the Nantucket whalers, who abandoned it, from the bleakness of its situation.

‘ I trust your lordship will lay the papers, enclosed herewith, before the house of assembly, for their inspection; and that they will take some speedy measures, to relieve me from my present embarrassments.

‘ I have the honour to be, with much respect, your lordship’s very obedient humble servant,

‘ W. D. QUARRELL.

‘ P. S. Should any of the papers mentioned herein, not be under cover to your lordship, they will be found in those of Oliver Hering’s, who will furnish your lordship with them.

‘ *The right honourable earl Balcarres.*”

Note. The account and books mentioned in the above message, are preserved amongst the papers of this session.

Ordered,

That the above message, and the papers and books therewith sent, be referred to Mr. Hering, Mr. Perry, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Thompson, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Bryan; that they have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and to examine all persons that shall come before them, in the most solemn manner; and that the said committee do report their opinion thereon, to the house.

Second message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ *I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house a return of the detachment of the 83d regiment, that were doing duty at Fort-Balcarres, betwixt the 15th of September, 1796, and the 27th of February, 1797, in conformity to their message of the 9th instant.*

▲ RETURN of the detachment of the 83d REGIMENT, quartered at Falmouth, as it stood on the first of each month, between the 15th September, 1796, and the 27th February, 1797.

Dates.	Officers present.			Present, fit for duty.			Sick.		Total.	
	Leut. Col.	Captains.	Lieutenants.	Sergeants.	Drummers.	Rank & file.	Sergeants.	Rank & file.	Black pioneers.	
September 15th	1	1	2	7	3	48	0	5	3	7
October 1st	1	1	2	7	3	44	0	5	3	7
November 1st	1	1	2	7	3	47	0	4	3	7
December 1st	1	1	2	6	4	44	2	6	3	8
January 1st	1	1	2	6	3	48	1	5	3	7
February 1st	1	1	2	7	3	38	0	7	3	7

Names of officers.—Lieutenant-colonel Godley, captain White, lieutenants Homan and Scott.

AU. GOULD, A. M. B. THO. GIBSON, *lieut. col. 83d regiment,*

Ordered,

That the above message, and the return therewith sent, be referred to the committee, appointed for raising and settling the public accounts.

Then

Message from lieutenant governor, with return of 83d regiment.

1797.

Martis, 21^o Novembris.

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Then the house adjourned till to-morrow
morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to
print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker*.

Mercurii, 22^o die Novembris, 1797.

Prayers. **T**HE engrossed bill *for the more speedy collection of the public taxes, and
the arrears thereof now due*, was read the third time :

Public taxes bill
passed.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

The engrossed bill *to appoint commissioners to inspect the books of the receiver-general,
and to settle and adjust the public accounts*, was read the third time :

Commissioners pub-
lic accounts bill
passed.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Mr. Cuthbert, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for laying a
duty on all negro slaves that shall be imported into this island, from the coast
of Africa, who shall be above a certain age, and for regulating the manner of as-
certaining such age ; which was received, and read the first time :

Additional negro
duty bill presented,

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Shirley, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill. to appoint certain
commissioners for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made,
or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the
barracks throughout this island ; which was received, and read the first time :

Board of works bill
presented.

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

A petition of James Stewart, deputy-marshal for Westmorland, &c. was presented
to the house, and read, setting forth,

James Stewart's pe-
tition.

“ That the petitioner hath expended and laid out sundry sums of money, for the
maintenance, attendance on, &c. of the prisoners in Savanna-la-Mar gaol, as par-
ticularly stated in the annexed account.”

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For a court see appendix, No. XII.*

A petition of the corporation of the Trelawny workhouse, was presented to the
house, and read, setting forth,

Corporation of Tre-
lawny workhouse
petition.

“ That the annexed accounts are due to the corporation, from the public, and
for which they pray payment.”

NOTE,

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XIII.*

John Gayner's petition.

A petition of John Gayner, of the parish of Trelawny, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That, previous to the house having fixed a price for negroes sold into the black corps, the petitioner had delivered a negro named Guy, for that service, whose valuation was 200*l*.

"That the petitioner availed himself of the liberty allowed by the house, in having the said slave returned to him:

"And praying that the house will allow him hire for the said slave, during the time he remained in the corps, agreeably to the annexed account."

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XIV.*

E. M. Whitehead's petition.

A petition of Edward Martin Whitehead, deputy-marshal, and keeper of the gaol for the county of Middlesex, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 33*l*. 3*s*. 9*d*. for the support of prisoners confined in the said gaol, as appears by the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XV.*

C. N. Pallmer's petition.

A petition of Charles Nicholas Pallmer, solicitor for the crown, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner, by virtue of his said office, hath prosecuted, defended, and carried on, divers suits at law, on the part of the crown, in the present year; and, in the course of such proceedings, recovered and paid into the treasury several sums of money:

"That, for such service, there is due the petitioner, the sum of 78*l*. 1*¼d*. as by the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XVI.*

Account to R. Breton's estate.

Mr. Cockburn, in his place, presented to the house, an account due to him, as executor of Robert Breton, deceased; which being read, is as follows:

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XVII.*

Accompong pay-bills.

A member, in his place, laid before the house, five several weekly island pay-bills, due the maroons of Accompong-Town; which being read, are as follows:

NOTE, *For the same see appendix, No. XVIII.*

Ordered,

That the above five petitions, and accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from Trelawny.

A petition of the freeholders of the parish of Trelawny, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there are divers large and valuable tracts of uncultivated land, in the centre of the said parish, called the Black-Grounds, the cultivation of which is not only a desirable object to the owners thereof, but would be a general benefit to the island, by facilitating the communication from one side of the island to the other:

"That many of the proprietors of the said lands have attempted the cultivation thereof, and have already expended considerable sums of money in making tracks of roads thereto, but, without the assistance of the house, the same cannot be effected."

And praying for relief.

A petition

A petition of the freeholders and others resident in the parish of Clarendon, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Clarendon.

“ That the former grants, for the purpose of making a road from Cave-River, in the said parish, through Bog-Hole, have been expended, and are insufficient to complete the said road :

“ That the road, when completed, will be of great public utility, as it passes through an extensive tract of valuable wood-land, hitherto, for the most part, unsettled, and will connect the southern with the northern districts.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above two petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of Gadstone Love was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioner's husband, George Love, was killed in an action with the rebellious maroons, on the 12th August, 1795, leaving the petitioner a widow, with three children, the eldest not above seven years old :

Gadstone Love's petition.

“ That the petitioner's husband was a carpenter, and, by his industry, was enabled to support his family ; but, being now deprived of his assistance, and exposed to every hardship resulting from poverty and distress, she is under the necessity of imploring assistance from the house :

“ That the petitioner receives the bounty allowed by a law of the island, for the support of the widows and children of those who may be killed in action ; but, being her only means, she finds it inadequate to bring up her infant family.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

A member, in his place, laid before the house, a return of the expenditure of the monies granted for the public hospital in Kingston :

Public hospital expenditure.

Ordered,

That the above return be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Idibus, 23^o die Novembriis, 1797.

Board of works bill
read second time.

Prayers. **T**HE bill to appoint commissioners for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house to-morrow.

Additional negro
duty bill read se-
cond time.

The bill for laying a duty on all negro slaves that shall be imported into this island, from the coast of Africa, who shall be above a certain age, and for regulating the manner of ascertaining such age, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

G. A. Shaw's peti-
tion.

A petition of George Abrams Shaw, of the parish of Kingston, store-keeper, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth.

"That the petitioner did, during the session of 1796. present an account to the house, for the cartage of sundry regimental stores, &c. belonging to his majesty's 62d regiment, quartered at Stoney-Hill, amounting to 155^l. 5s. of which the sum of 97^l. 10s. only was allowed him."

And praying for relief.

Capt. Veitch's pe-
tition.

A petition of Captain John Veitch, commanding Fort-George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner hath expended the sums stated in the annexed account, for the maintenance and cloathing of four pioneers, belonging to government, attached to the said fort."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, For account see appendix, No. XIX.

Ordered,

That the above two petitions, and account, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St.
Mary's.

A petition of several of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there is a carriage-road from Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, to Aleppo estate, in St. Mary, which will be the nearest and best road from the parishes of Portland and St. George, and the windward part of the parish of St. Mary, to Spanish-Town, if it is continued to the Port-Maria road, leading to the said town:

"That a jury-road has been laid out from Aleppo estate, to the said road, leading from Port-Maria to Spanish-Town; but, from its extent and the great labour necessarily required, the petitioners are incapable of completing the same:

"That the said road is an internal road of communication, and, when completed, will be an immense encouragement to cultivate the lands in its vicinity, which are distant from the sea, by affording settlers a more easy means of conveyance for their produce."

And

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Mary's.

"That the road from Richmond, in the parish of St. Mary, to the line of St. Thomas in the Vale, leading to Spanish-Town, is the nearest and best road from the parishes of Portland and St. George, and the windward part of St. Mary to the said town:

"That, from its extent, and the great labour necessary to make the same a good carriage-road, the petitioners are unable to complete the same:

"That the said road is an internal road of communication; and, when completed, will be an inducement for persons to cultivate the lands in its vicinity, which are at a great distance from the sea."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from the same.

"That there is a road from Lewisburgh estate, in the parish of St. Mary, to Glengosfe in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale, which is the nearest and best road from St. Mary to Kingston; but, from its extent, and the great labour requisite to complete the same, the petitioners are incapable of effecting the purpose:

"That the said road, when completed, will be of much public utility, by enabling proprietors in its vicinity, to convey their produce to market by a much shorter road than is now used, and will induce many persons to become settlers in the back lands of the said parish of St. Mary, which are at a considerable distance from the sea."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above three petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of the inhabitants of John's Town, St. Ann's Bay, and its vicinity, being offered to the house;

Petition from John's Town, St. Ann's Bay,

And a motion being made, that the same be rejected;

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rejected.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses:

Additional duty bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Macleod took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Macleod, from the committee, reported that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses.*"

Engrossed.

A motion

Motion for bill to
amend transient tax
act.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed. to prepare and bring in a bill to explain and amend "An act for laying a tax upon all ships and other vessels trading to this island, for and towards the support and maintenance of the transient poor;"

Ordered,

That Mr. Perry, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Henckell, be a committee for that purpose.

Accounts irregularly
presented.

A member, in his place, informed the house, that his honour the lieutenant-governor had returned to him, and other members, several accounts against the public, which had been transmitted to his honour, to be sent down to the house, and which he had refused to send in a message, alledging, that the same ought to be presented on petition; and, it being too late to procure such petitions, within the time prescribed by a resolution of the house for receiving private business, moved, that the said accounts should be received:

Resolved, nem. con.

That, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the said accounts be received: Then the said accounts being received, were severally read, and are as follows:

NOTE. For accounts *see* appendix, No. XX.

Ordered,

That the above accounts be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Veneris, 24^o die Novembris, 1797.

Additional duty bill
passed.

Prayers. THE engrossed bill *for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses*, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Petition of W.
M'Robbie, attorney
of John Henderson.

A petition of William M'Robbie, the lawful attorney of John Henderson, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there is due to the said John Henderson, from the public, the sum of 73*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* being for the hire of boats and waggons, and for the wharfage of sundry articles, in the service of the two regiments of Irish brigade, lately doing duty in this island, as stated in the accounts hereto annexed:

"That there is also due to the said John Henderson, the further sum of

30*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for water supplied for the use of the Twelve-Apostles battery, as by the annexed account, certified by the officer commanding at that battery."

And praying for relief.

NOTE. *For accounts see appendix, No. XXI.*

A petition of William Tomlinson, of the parish of Westmorland, gentleman, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, W. Tomlinson's petition.

"That the petitioner had supplied a detachment of the 62d regiment, with their usual allowance of provisions and rum, from the 5th November, 1796, until the 28th April following, amounting to the sum of 47*l.* 17*s.* 1½*d.* as by the annexed accounts"

And praying for relief.

NOTE. *For accounts see appendix, No. XXII.*

A petition of William Tomlinson, of the parish of Westmorland, gentleman, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Ditto.

"That, during the last martial law, the petitioner was applied to, by several officers commanding detachments of his majesty's troops in the parish of Westmorland, to furnish and supply the said troops with such provisions and other necessaries as they might, from time to time, require:

"That the petitioner, at the request of lieutenant Goodridge, then commanding a detachment of the 62d regiment, advanced considerable sums, in the purchase of provisions and other necessaries for the said detachment, as stated in the two accounts annexed to his petition, presented to the house in the session of 1796:

"That the committee to whom the said petition and accounts were referred, supposed, as the petitioner is informed, that the articles which composed the said accounts were sold by the petitioner, and that the charges were unreasonable, and therefore deducted the sum of 22*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* from one of the said accounts, and the sum of 49*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* from the other:

"That the said articles were purchased and paid for by the petitioner, without any benefit or advantage arising to him therefrom, whereby such deductions will be an actual loss to the petitioner, unless relieved by the house:

"That the petitioner hath advanced a further sum of money, for sundries supplied a detachment of the 13th dragoons, when on duty in Westmorland, as appears by the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE. *For account see appendix, No. XXIII.*

A petition of James Lee, of the parish of St. Catherine, on behalf of himself and Francis Rigby Brodbelt, physicians to the gaol of St. Jago de la Vega, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Dr. Lee's petition.

"That the said Francis Rigby Brodbelt, and the petitioner, were appointed, in the year 1795, physicians to the said gaol, by warrant from his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"That the sum of 100*l.* granted annually to the physician of the said gaol, for attendance and furnishing medicines to the sick prisoners therein, is due for one year, ending the 6th day of October last."

And praying for relief.

A petition of Thomas Morley, of the parish of St. Ann, tavern-keeper, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Thos. Morley's petition.

"That, on the 7th January, 1796, a horse was taken from the petitioner, by the commissioners appointed for the said parish, under the subsistence act, and delivered to Joseph Clark, a private in the St. Ann's light company, then going to join a detachment on duty in Trelawny:

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"That

" That the said horse has never been returned to the petitioner :

" That the petitioner, in consequence of having neglected to obtain the testimony of one of the said commissioners, to his petition presented to the house in the session of 1796, unfortunately had his said petition rejected :

" That such testimony has since been procured, and is hereto annexed."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account and certificate see appendix, No. XXIV.*

Petition of James
Mitchell, attorney
to William Mitchell.

A petition of James Mitchell, attorney to William Mitchell, esquire, at present off the island, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the annexed account, for the hire of negroes, carts, and mules, employed in the public service, from George's Valley estate, in the parish of Trelawny, and for sundries supplied the public, amounting to 267*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* is justly due to the said William Mitchell; but it not having been attested by the colonel of the Trelawny militia, when presented to the house last year, payment was refused."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XXV.*

Captain Schroeter's
petition.

A petition of John Henry Schroeter, captain of Fort-Balcarres, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the petitioner has acted as captain of Fort-Balcarres, from the 30th November last, to the present time, for which there is due to him the sum of 121*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

" That he has also acted as barrack-master to the barracks at Fort-Balcarres, for the same time, for which there is due to him the sum of 56*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

" That the petitioner hath, during the aforesaid period, advanced the sums of money stated in the annexed account :

" That the petitioner, in compliance with the orders he received from the commander in chief, to receive a part of the 83d regiment at the said fort, his appointment of barrack-master not having then taken place, and the barracks being much out of repair, and unfit for their reception, it became necessary, that the rooms for the pioneers belonging to the said fort, should be separate and apart from those intended for the said soldiers :

" That the armourer's room, which was then in the barracks, was obliged to be removed to another place in the said fort :

" That the petitioner conceiving it was incumbent on him to see to the said repairs and alterations, gave orders for the purpose ; an account for which is hereto annexed."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For accounts see appendix, No. XXVI.*

Doctor Watt's pe-
tition.

A petition of Alexander Watt, practitioner in physic and surgery, and island assistant surgeon to the forces, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the petitioner attended the sick of a detachment of the 83d regiment, stationed at Montego-Bay, from the 11th January, to the 4th day of October last, during which period he furnished them with such medicines as their situations required, none having been otherwise provided; an account of which, amounting to 303*l.* 15*s.* is hereunto annexed :

" That the petitioner, by order of William Lempriere, surgeon-general, attended a detachment of the royal artillery, at Montego-Bay, from the 24th June, 1794, until 27th September, 1796, and, in that time, supplied the sick with medicines, to the amount of 26*l.* 11*s.* 10½*d.* of which he was allowed, on a former
petition

petition to the house, but 1*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. being for articles supplied during martial law; and that he has no chance of receiving the remainder, but through the consideration of the House."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For accounts see appendix, No. XXVII.*

A petition of Sarah Sanders, of the parish of St. James, a free woman of colour, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Sarah Sanders's petition.

"That the petitioner, on the application of captain William Richards, of the 17th light dragoons, hired, for the use of the said regiment, an able negro man, to be employed as a pioneer:

"That the said negro remained in such service, from the 26th July, 1796, to the 8th May last; an account for which, amounting to 35*l*. 17*s*. 6*d*. is hereunto annexed."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XXVIII.*

A petition of the corporation of the St. James's workhouse, was presented to the house, and read, praying payment of an account thereto annexed.

Corporation of St. James's workhouse petition.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XXIX.*

A petition of Colin Thomson, of the town of Montego-Bay, merchant, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Colin Thomson's petition.

"That, in July, 1795, the petitioner, in obedience to a law of the island, deposited in the magazine at Fort-Montego, a half barrel FF gunpowder.

"That the said powder was delivered from the magazine, for the use of the regulars and militia, during the maroon rebellion."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XXX.*

A petition of William Rofs, of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Captain William Rofs's petition.

"That, on the 3d October, 1795, the magistrates and vestry of the said parish, not being in the knowledge that Fort-Haldane had been put on the island establishment, passed an order of vestry, empowering the petitioner to put in proper order such guns in the said fort as were fit for service; in compliance with which order, the petitioner purchased hard timbers, and employed tradesmen, to make new carriages for the guns of that description; the expence of which amounted to 154*l*. 5*s*. 9*d*. as appears by the annexed accounts:

"That, on the petitioner applying to the vestry for payment, they refused it, alledging, that the fort having been put on the island establishment at the time the order was passed, the expence ought not to fall on the parish, and therefore referred the petitioner to the house."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For accounts see appendix, No. XXXI.*

A petition of William Rofs, captain of Fort-Haldane, in the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Ditto.

"That no gunners or pioneers being appointed to the said fort, the petitioner, for the preservation of the magazine and other buildings, and to enable him to work the guns when necessary, is under the necessity of hiring a white man and two negroes, at the expence of 103*l*. annually, as stated in the annexed account:

"That the said establishment is inadequate to the duty of the fort, and, whenever there is occasion to use the largest guns, the petitioner is obliged, at his own expence, to find more assistance."

And

And praying for relief.

NOTE. *For account see appendix, No. XXXII.*

Doctor Bell's petition.

A petition of Samuel Bell, of the parish of Westmorland, practitioner in physic and surgery, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner attended a detachment of the 62d regiment, quartered at Savanna la-Mar, from the 14th May, 1796, until the 24th April, 1797, and furnished such drugs and medicines to the sick as were necessary, at a very considerable expence, as appears by the annexed account, and for which he hath not received payment:

"That the petitioner was appointed surgeon's mate on the island establishment, by warrant from Sir Adam Williamson, dated 10th December, 1791, and regularly, when on duty, received the island pay, usually allowed to the officers of his majesty's troops serving in this island; but, having omitted to obtain orders from the surgeon to the forces, to undertake the charge of the said detachment, he was not on the regimental list when the 62d regiment was drafted:

"And praying payment of his said account, and that the house will grant him the usual island pay or subsistence, for himself and his wife, for the time aforesaid."

NOTE. *For account see appendix, No. XXXIII.*

Ditto.

A petition of Samuel Bell, of the parish of Westmorland, practitioner in physic and surgery, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner has attended the sick prisoners in the gaol of the county of Cornwall, at all times when necessary, from the 31st December, 1795, to the 1st November, 1797; for which he has not received any payment:

"And praying that the house will allow him the usual salary granted to the physicians or surgeons to the other county-gaols."

A petition of William Finch, of the parish of St. Catherine, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 32l. 10s. for the hire of pioneers, for the service of the 3d regiment of the Irish brigade, while doing duty in this island, as stated in the annexed account."

And praying for relief

NOTE. *For account see appendix, No. XXXIV.*

Ordered,

That the above sixteen petitions, and accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from Vere.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of Vere, residing in and about Carpenters Mountains and Milk-River, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the road over Carpenters Mountains, from Milk-River to the parish of St. Elizabeth, by Flowden-Hill, is an old road of communication between the windward parishes and the said parish of St. Elizabeth, and frequently used by travellers, in preference to that over Mayday hill:

"That the inhabitants of the district being chiefly small farmers, are unable to complete the repair of the said road, without the assistance of the house."

And praying for relief.

Petition from the same.

A petition of the magistrates, vestry men, freeholders, and other inhabitants of the parish of Vere, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That

“ That the petitioners are convinced of the great utility of opening a carriage-road from Salt River, in the said parish, through the Cockpit lands, to the junction of the roads leading from Clarendon Cross to Long’s Wharf and Old-Harbour, from the intended track, the road being nearly level, and being much the shortest road from the said parish to Spanish-Town and Kingston; and by which means, the intercourse between the said parish and the towns would become much more open, and consequently of great benefit to the said parish, especially as Salt-River has become a very extensive shipping-place, for the parishes of Vere, Clarendon, and part of St. Elizabeth:

“ That, in case of invasion, the said road would be found very convenient for the conveyance of artillery or military stores, from the metropolis to any part of the leeward sea-coast, particularly Carlisle-Bay:

“ That the money granted by the late assembly, towards completing the said road, has proved inadequate, although aided by subscriptions among the petitioners.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above two petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of Christopher Moore, wharfinger, at Morant-Bay, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Christopher Moore’s petition.

“ That, by an act of this island, the wharf at Morant-Bay was, with certain restrictions, put under the same regulations as the wharves in Kingston:

“ That the said wharf is attended with very heavy expences, principally owing to the surf, which renders it necessary to have a double wharf, 107 yards in length.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to the committee, to whom the petition of the proprietors or lessees of public wharves in the town of Kingston, stands referred; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

Committee on state of the island,

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murray took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Murray, from the committee, reported twenty-four resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

Report 24 resolutions.

1. That it be recommended to the house, to deny the prayer of the petition of doctor Andrew Dawson, presented to the house this session, the provision prayed for having been made in one of the money-bills passed in 1796.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying to William Burrowes, the sum of 18*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* being for money advanced by him, for the maintenance of prisoners confined for debt, in the county-gaol of Middlesex, when he was keeper of the said gaol, as by his petition to the house this session,

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3. That

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 102*l* 10*s.* to William Pranch, for the hire of negroes for the service of the garrison at Fort-Augusta, as by his petition to the house this session.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to refuse payment of an account of George Abrams Shaw, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant, for the hire of a negro, cart, and mules, for the service of the 67th regiment, the said regiment not having been on the island establishment.

5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 43*l* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Elstworthy Dobbin, in full for the hire of pioneers, for the service of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 119*l* to William McRobbie, in full of the account for the hire of pioneers, for the service of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

7. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 19*l* 16*s.* 8*d.* to Abraham Melhado, in full of his account for the hire of a pioneer, for the service of the 13th regiment of light dragoons, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 35*l* 6*s.* 8*d.* to John Fitzpatrick, in full of his account for the hire of pioneers, for the service of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 8*l* to the order of the commanding officer of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, in full of a contingent account, sent down to the house, in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying to the officers of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, the sums set opposite their respective names, in the account for lodging-money, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 29*l* 6*s.* to Grace Mechan, in full of her account for the hire of a house, as a mess-house for the officers of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

12. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 4*l* 1*s.* to Malcolm, Paterfson, and company, for sundry articles furnished for the use of Fort Charlotte, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

13. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of

of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 40*l.* to Nathaniel and George Gray, in full for two years cloathing of four black thot, attached to Fort-Charlotte; and also the further sum of 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* in full for half a barrel of gunpowder, for the service of the said fort; as by the accounts sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

14. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 9*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to George Robert Johnson, in full for furnishing a detachment of the 17th light dragoons, at Pucea Barracks, with wood, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

15. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 116*l.* to Penjamin Tenison, in full for supplying water to a detachment of the 17th light dragoons, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message, of the 10th November instant.

16. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 2*l.* to Robert Thomson, for the hire of a boat, to transport the baggage and ammunition of the 13th light dragoons, from Savanna-la-Mar to Parker's Pay, as by his account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

17. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 92*l.* 10*s.* to David Ross, in full of his account for the hire of pioneers, for the service of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

18. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 18*l.* 10*s.* to Terence M'Dermott, in full of his account for the hire of pioneers, for the service of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

19. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 53*l.* to doctor Lind, surgeon to the forces, in full for food subsistence and lodging money, to 24th December next; and also, the further sum of 24*l.* on the behalf of doctor Lempriere, late surgeon to the forces, in full for lodging-money due him on 18th June last; as by the memorial of the said doctor Lind, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

20. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 24*l.* 15*s.* 5½*d.* to lieutenant Penyfton Powney, of the royal artillery, for contingencies accrued for a detachment of that corps, quartered at Fort-George, as by his memorial sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's second message of the 15th November instant.

21. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bill, for paying the sum of 20*l.* to Hugh Clough, hospital assistant surgeon, and keeper of the medical store, in full for lodging money.

22. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 25*l.* to lieutenant-colonel M'Dermott, of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, being for money advanced by him, for the hire of pioneers for the said regiment, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's second message of the 15th November instant.

23. That

23. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 4*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* to John Michael Dwyer, in full for translating and transcribing Spanish papers of a public nature, by order of his honour the lieutenant-governor, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour's second message of the 15th November instant.

24. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying to the officers of the 17th regiment of light dragoons, the sum of 49*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* in full of the account for lodging-money, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant.

Then Mr. Murray acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

Resolved,

That this house will again, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Land-tax bill committed ;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for raising a tax on land within this island ; and applying the same to several uses :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Henry took the chair of the committee,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported ;

Mr. Henry, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for raising a tax on land within this island ; and applying the same to the public service.*"

Board of works bill committed ;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to appoint certain commissioners for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shirley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported ;

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to appoint certain commissioners for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island.*"

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

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" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

" We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour and to request that you will be pleased to postpone the sailing of the packet, until Monday the eleventh day of December next, there being business of great importance before the house, which it may be necessary to communicate to the agent.

Message to his honour, to postpone the packet.

Ordered,

That Mr. Murray and Mr. Finlayson be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the house.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, to add to each account that shall be referred to them, and of which they shall recommend payment, the sum of one pound six shillings and eight pence, paid as a fee, on presenting such account to the house;

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it passed in the negative.

Motion respecting fee on petitions.

Ordered,

That Mr. Johnson be added to the committee for the county of Cornwall, appointed in the session of 1796, to attend doctor Eryan Higgins, during the recess of the assembly, in making his proposed improvements, particularly in the manufacture of sugar and rum.

Mr. Johnson added to Dr. Higgins's committee for Cornwall.

Ordered,

That Mr. Anderson be added to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

Mr. Anderson added to road committee.

Ordered,

That Mr. Turner have leave of absence for a few days.

Leave of absence to Mr. Turner.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aitman to print these votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Martis, 28^o die Novembrijs, 1797.

Land tax bill passed. **T**HE engrossed bill for raising a tax on land within this island; and applying the same to the public service, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Board of works bill passed.

The engrossed bill to appoint certain commissioners for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Telfer, and Mr. Deans, be a committee to carry the above two engrossed bills, and also the engrossed bills of Thursday and Friday last, to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Report from committee on Mr. Quarrell's papers, &c.

Mr. Hering, from the committee, to whom his honour the lieutenant-governor's first message of the 21st November instant, and the papers and books therewith sent, were referred, reported,

That, in order to enable themselves to make a perfect representation of the subject referred to them, they took into consideration the accounts marked A, B, and C, with the several vouchers annexed to each, sent to this house with the message of his honour the lieutenant-governor, on the 8th day of November instant; which having carefully examined, they find to be correct; and by them it appears, that William Dawes Quarrell, esquire, had expended, for the use of the maroons settled in Halifax, from the 17th of October, 1796, to the 31st March, 1797, the sum of 9550*l* 19*s* 2*d*. sterling; for which he had drawn bills of exchange on messieurs Milligan and Mitchell, of London, the agents of the receiver-general of this island:

That they had also perused the account marked D. and find, that the monies expended by Mr. Quarrell, for the use of the said maroons, from the 31st March, 1797, to the 15th of October, 1797, amounted to the sum of 11,352*l* 16*s* 10½*d*. sterling; but this last account not being accompanied by the vouchers to which it refers, the committee are unable to examine it with accuracy; and it appears, from the evidence produced to the committee, that Mr. Quarrell could not, with propriety or safety, transmit the said vouchers, until the noted and protested bills, herein after stated, were accepted or paid:

That it also appears to the committee, that, exclusive of the above sums expended, messieurs Milligan and Mitchell sent out supplies for the use of the maroons, to the amount of 377*l* 1*s* 11*d*. as is stated in the said account: So that, the total expenditure, including such invoice, amounts to the sum of 22,674*l* 11*s* 11½*d*.

That the committee also observe, by the book of vouchers referred to them, that Mr. Quarrell has, in obedience to the orders of the House, of the 7th December, 1796, conveyed to the crown the lands and buildings by him purchased for the use of the said maroons; and that he did, on the 22^d July, 1797, deliver to the order of sir John Wentworth, property in lands, buildings, furniture, stock, farming utensils, and stores, for the use of the said maroons, which, together with a bill of exchange for 600*l*. sterling, since that time required of him by the said sir John Wentworth,

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Martis, 28^o Novembris.

at the instance of his majesty's ministers, amounts to 10,303*l*. 14*s*. 10½*d*. sterling, making a part of the above-mentioned total expenditure:

That it appears to the committee, by the minutes of the house, that there was, on the 26th April, 1796, a grant for the use of the

said marriage of - - - - - £.25,000 currency

And on the 19th December, 1796, a further

grant of - - - - - 10,000 currency

Together, amounting to - - - - - £.35,000 curr. or £.25,000 ster.

That the committee find, that, at a board of the commissioners of accounts, held on the 4th June, 1796, the receiver-general was directed to give to Mr. Quarrell a letter of credit for 10,000*l* sterling, and also three thousand dollars in specie; which order was immediately complied with; and those two sums amount to 15,000*l* currency:

That it appears to the committee, that, in confidence of the said letter of credit, and of the above-mentioned grants of 35,000*l* currency, Mr. Quarrell drew bills of exchange for the following sums, and at the following dates, on messieurs Milligan and Mitchell; viz.

			£.	s.	d.	
1796, August,	-	-	6,000	0	0	Sterling.
1797, January,	-	-	1,676	0	2	
March,	-	-	350	0	0	
April,	-	-	200	0	0	
May,	-	-	1,542	7	0	
June,	-	-	1,454	10	0	
July,	-	-	5,184	3	0	
August,	-	-	1,523	6	6	
September,	-	-	1,815	16	10	
			19,746	3	8	

That it appears also, by the letters of Mr Quarrell, confirmed by a letter of messieurs Milligan and Mitchell, produced to the committee, that most of those bills were noted, and that one of them, for 1023*l*. 6*s*. 6*d*. sterling, had been returned protested, and incurring an expence of 114*l*. 13*s*. 6*d*. sterling, for damages and costs; but that several, to the amount of 10,622*l*. 17*s*. 2*d*. were afterwards paid: That, in consequence of the noting and protesting of the bills, so drawn by Mr. Quarrell, he is detained in America, being considered personally liable to the payment of the debts for which those bills were drawn; and the credit of this island has suffered in the person of its agent:

That it further appears, by an extract of a letter from messieurs Milligan and Mitchell, to the receiver-general, dated 4th September, 1796, and produced to the committee by the receiver-general, that a credit of 14,500*l*. sterling, was actually lodged with that house, which they acknowledge: And it is therefore the opinion of the committee, that they ought to have honoured Mr. Quarrell's bills, to that amount at least:

That the committee, taking all these circumstances into their serious consideration, think it incumbent on them to recommend to the house, to direct the receiver-general to furnish Mr. Quarrell, as soon as possible, with a letter or letters of credit to some person or persons, in America, for the sum of 14,700*l*. currency, being the difference between the sums of 35,000*l*. currency granted by this house, and the

the sum of 14,500*l.* sterling, the credit lodged in the hands of messieurs Milligan and Mitchell, so as to enable Mr. Quarell to extricate himself from his present distressing situation, and to retrieve the credit of this island.

Ordered,

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Stevenson and Aikman's petition.

A petition of Stevenson and Aikman was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That sundry printing work hath been done at the Diary office, the particulars of which are set forth in the annexed account; no part whereof hath been paid."

And praying for relief.

NOTE. *For account see appendix, No. XXXV.*

Martha Thomas's petition.

A petition of Martha Thomas was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner's negroes supplied the garrison at Kingston with water, as appears by the annexed statement of vouchers:

"That captain McDonald, of the 17th light dragoons, applied at head-quarters for pioneers for the said garrison, but not obtaining any, he made application to the petitioner, and informed her, that he was authorized by the deputy adjutant general, to hire pioneers at 3*s.* 4*d.* per day, if they could not be procured under; in consequence of which, the petitioner allowed her negroes to carry water as before, and to do the duty of pioneers also, none being then in the barracks."

And praying for relief.

NOTE. *For these vouchers see appendix, No. XXXVI.*

David Ross's petition.

A petition of David Ross, of Passage-Fort, wharfinger, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner, on the 16th March last, hired a pioneer negro, to serve the deputy adjutant-general's office, at the rate of 3*s.* 4*d.* per day:

"That the said negro continued in such service, until the 31st May following: for which there is due to the petitioner, the sum of 12*l.* 15*s.* as by the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE. *For account see appendix, No. XXXVII.*

John Spencer's petition.

A petition of John Spencer, of the parish of St. Catherine, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner's waggon and wains, were employed, as stated in the annexed account; and for which he hath not received payment."

And praying for relief.

NOTE. *For account see appendix, No. XXXVIII.*

James Fannin's petition.

A petition of James Fannin, printer, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner, by order of the house, hath published in the Cornwall Chronicle, the several resolutions, laws, &c. stated in the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE. *For account see appendix, No. XXXIX.*

Account of major Grant.

A member, in his place, presented to the house, an account due to major Grant, an officer of the Charles-Town maroons; which being read, is as follows:

NOTE. *For account see appendix, No. XL.*

Ordered,

That the above five petitions, and accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of St. Andrew and Port-Royal, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. Andrew and Port-Royal.

“ That the late assembly granted the sum of 700*l.* to make a road from Tranquillity plantation, in the parish of Port-Royal, through the lands of divers persons, to intersect the road to Cold-Spring; which, with upwards of 2000*l.* raised by subscription, has been expended thereon, but has proved insufficient.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of divers inhabitants of the several parishes of Port-Royal, St. Andrew, and St. George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from Port-Royal, St. Andrew, and St. George.

“ That the road to Cold-Spring hill requires much improvement, to render it safe and easy to travellers, and would, if improved, be of general benefit, as it forms part of the communication to Buff-Bay, as well as to Portland, by the new road now making :

“ That the plantations in the neighbourhood of the said road, are chiefly new settlements, and do not afford sufficient strength to make the necessary improvements.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders of the parish of Trelawny, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from Trelawny.

“ That the house of assembly, in the year 1790, granted 1000*l.* towards making a road of communication between Cuniffe’s pen, in the parish of Trelawny, and One-Eye estate, in the parish of St. Elizabeth, from which two places there are king’s roads, through the said parishes respectively :

“ That such a road would greatly promote, not only the mutual advantage of the said parishes, but of the island in general, by opening a communication across it, almost through its centre, and thereby contributing to its security against every description of enemy :

“ That the said grant was duly expended, one half from One-Eye, and the other half from Cuniffe’s pen.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the justices and vestry of the parish of Trelawny, in vestry assembled, on behalf of the inhabitants of the said parish, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from the same.

“ That that part of the main interior road, which leads from Biddeford through Mark-Cave, to the line between the parishes of St. Ann and Trelawny, is not yet passable by carriages :

“ That the petitioners submit it will require 800*l.* to make that part of said road complete :”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above four petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

John Stone's petition.

A petition of John Stone, of the parish of Kingston, gentleman, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That, in the year 1776, the petitioner and others entered into subscription, for purchasing a piece of foot-land in the town of St. Jago de la Vega, and building a theatre thereon, at their own expence, for the use and accommodation of the said town, the cost of which amounted to 247*l.* 16*s.* 1½*d.*

"That the petitioner, together with the honourable John Rodon, and the honourable James Jones, are the surviving proprietors of the said theatre, now resident in this island:

"That the said theatre has been, for several years past, occupied by the 20th regiment of light dragoons, or other detachments of the army:

"That the petitioner hath never received any recompense for such occupancy of the said theatre, or any compensation for his rights therein."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Redwood, Mr. Chief-Justice, and Mr. Thompson; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Committee on state of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murray took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report 9 resolutions.

Mr. Murray, from the committee, reported nine resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th resolutions, being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, to order the receiver-general, forthwith to remit to William Dawes Quarrell, esquire, the sum of 10,000*l.* currency, remaining unappropriated of two former grants of the house, for the use of the maroons.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to grant a further sum of 6000*l.* currency, for the use of the maroons, to be forthwith remitted by the receiver-general, to William Dawes Quarrell, esquire, and that this or any future assembly will make good the same.

3. That it is the opinion of this committee, that it appears, from the dispatches of his royal highness the duke of York, dated Horse-Guards, 1st August, 1797, to major-general earl Balcarres, and by that of his grace the duke of Portland, dated Whitehall, 9th August, 1797, that his majesty's confidential servants, on a full consideration of what force the British West-India possessions may require hereafter, as well as at present, have adopted a plan, whereby West-India recruits, composed of negroes and men of colour, are to be raised, subject to the same laws and regulations as his majesty's troops; and that they are of opinion, that, as Great Britain cannot supply the number of troops requisite, from its own population, the plan is become absolutely necessary.

4. That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is the duty of the assembly of Jamaica, to represent to his majesty, in the most respectful manner, that however such a plan may be, in the opinion of every officer of rank and experience,

well calculated to give strength and efficacy to his majesty's forces quartered in the West-Indies, by preventing their being so much exposed hereafter to the severity of the climate, yet this plan is of a most dangerous nature, inasmuch as it is totally subversive of that colonial subordination, on which depends the safety of the lives and properties of all his majesty's subjects settled in the West-Indies.

5. That it is the opinion of this committee, that, considering the dangerous situation we are placed in, by a war with an enemy who has already ruined its own colonies, by endeavouring to establish therein a system of equality, and to place white, brown, and black persons under the same laws and regulations, it is our duty to make every effort to assist the parent state; but, at the same time, to oppose measures which, offering at first view some good, must ultimately and inevitably be fatal to the wealth and prosperity of the British empire, by occasioning the destruction of this valuable possession.

6. That it is the opinion of this committee, that, whenever his majesty's troops stationed in this island have been employed on actual service, they have always been supplied with, and attended by, a very great number of black pioneers; and that, so far from suffering from the severity of the climate, it is notorious that, during the whole of the late maroon war, very few soldiers died from sickness; and it is no less true, that garrison duty, and the idle life of men quartered and confined in barracks in the towns, are much more pernicious to them, than all the fatigues of war, provided the troops be well fed, and have light, and at the same time warm, clothes.

7. That it is the opinion of this committee, that a numerous and effective militia, chiefly composed of small settlers, is one of the best and most constitutional means of defence, both against an invading enemy, and internal commotions; and that measures calculated to add strength to the troops quartered here, and at the same time to increase hereafter the militia, ought to be recommended to the serious consideration of his majesty's confidential servants.

The eight resolution being again read, is as follows:

That it is the opinion of this committee, that one thousand men, in addition to such British forces as his majesty may be pleased to station in this island, to be composed of white men, from his majesty's dominions of Great-Britain and Ireland, or his colonies in North-America, if they can be obtained therein, or of foreign European protestants, to be commanded by British officers, to be permanently attached to the service of this island, and to be enlisted under a promise of being provided with small settlements, in the interior parts of the country, at the end of five, six, seven, eight, or nine years, would greatly contribute to the present means of defence, and would ultimately add considerably to the strength of the militia:

And a motion being made, that the report be amended, by inserting "two thousand," instead of "one thousand;"

The house divided;

The ayes went forth:

Ayes, 20:—Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Murray, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Division, R. Ross, Mr. Christie, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. Fraser, Mr. Turner, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Hering, Mr. Cutbert, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Deans, Mr. Henckell, and Mr. Lelser.

Noes, 18:—Mr. Irving, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Perry, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Grant, Mr. P. Fuller, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Reid, Mr. G. Fuller, and Mr. Macleod.

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The ninth resolution being again read, is as follows:

That it is the opinion of this committee, that, in order to shew the dutiful attachment of this colony to his majesty, its zeal for the prosperity of the British empire, and its anxiety for providing such means of defence as may not ultimately be most pernicious, the assembly of Jamaica, notwithstanding the immense heavy load of taxes with which they are obliged to distress their constituents, will grant the pay and subsistence of such a body of white men, on the conditions mentioned in the eighth resolution of this committee, provided his majesty's confidential servants give up the plan of raising black corps, and provided the said one thousand men be considered as part of the three thousand, for whose subsistence the faith of the country stands pledged:

And a motion being made, that the report be amended, by inserting "two thousand," instead of "one thousand;"

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

And another motion being made, that the said report be further amended, by striking out the words "pay and,"

The house divided:

The ayes went forth:

Division.

Ayes. 11:—Mr. Fullerton, Mr. P. Fuller, Mr. Grant, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Irving.

No s. 27:—Mr. Hering, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Perry, Mr. Cutlibert, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Telfer, Mr. Deans, Mr. Tayler, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Christie, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Frazer, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. Edmonson, Mr. Turner, Mr. Murray, Mr. R. Ross, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Shirlev, Mr. Henckell, Mr. G. Fuller, and Mr. Macleod.

So it passed in the negative.

Then Mr. Murray acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved,

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Ordered,

To be published.

That the 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th resolutions, this day reported from the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island, and the proceedings of the house thereon, be published in the several newspapers of this island, for two weeks.

Ordered,

That Mr. Hering have leave of absence to attend the Cornwall-affizes.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Skiman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Secretary.

Mercurii, 29^o die Novembris, 1797.

ORDERED.

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

“ *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you copies of two resolutions of the house of yesterday, relative to the maroons at Halifax.*”

Message to the lieutenant-governor, with resolutions about the maroons.

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Grant be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message ; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Cuthbert, in his place. moved for leave to bring in a bill to enable his majesty, his heirs and successors, from time to time, to appoint judges of the supreme court of judicature, and courts of assize, in this island ; who shall be barristers of a certain standing, to hold their commissions during good behaviour ; for granting salaries to such judges ; and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time :

Judges bill presented.

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, this day six months.

Ordered,

That the said bill be forthwith printed by the printer to this house, and that two hundred copies thereof be furnished to the members of the house.

To be printed.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

Capt. W. Ross's petition.

That they had taken into consideration the petition of William Ross, of the parish of St. Mary, which was referred to them, and recommend to the house to refer the said petition, and the accounts thereto annexed, to the commissioners for forts and fortifications, by whom they are properly cognizable :

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report.

Mr. Shaw, from the committee, to whom the petitions of the proprietors or lessees public wharves in the town of Kingston, and of Christopher Moore, wharfinger at Morant-Bay, were referred, reported,

Wharfingers' petition reported.

That they found the allegations therein contained were well founded, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill for the relief of the petitioners :

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report :

Ordered,

That Mr. Shaw, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Perry, be a committee for that purpose.

A petition of Charles Rose Ellis, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, by Henry Hough, of the parish of St. Mary, his attorney in this island, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Chas. Rose Ellis's petition.

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" That a negro named Billy, belonging to the petitioner, was made free by an act of the legislature passed in the year 1795 :

" That the said negro had been valued at 280*l.* for which the petitioner hath not received any compensation."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.
David's.

A petition of the freeholders of the parish of St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the petitioners are taxed to the full extent authorized by law, for the repairs of the highways :

" That, by reason of the small number of negroes in the said parish, the sum raised by such tax is insufficient for keeping the several highways through the same in repair :

" That the allotments are chiefly worked out upon the roads leading from the several plantations, which are in the interior parts of the said parish, to the barquadier :

" That an extent of road about eighteen miles, in the said parish, is through uncultivated land, and in a great measure an unsettled part of the country, which the petitioners are unable to keep in repair."

And praying for relief.

Dr. Robinson's peti-
tion.

A petition of surgeon John Robinson, of the 20th light dragoons, was presented to the house, and read, praying the grant of 100*l.* annually allowed the surgeon to the said regiment.

Elizabeth Watson's
petition.

A petition of Elizabeth Watson was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the petitioner's husband, David Watson, late surgeon on the hospital staff of this island, died on the 20th April last, leaving a family of five children, with a very slender provision to maintain and educate them :

" And submitting her situation, and the services of her said husband in this country, during a period of more than thirty years, either as surgeon's mate, hospital mate, or surgeon on the hospital staff, to the consideration of the house."

Henry Burges's
petition.

A petition of Henry Burges, of the parish of St. George, planter, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That, in consideration of the petitioner having lost his eye-sight, by a stroke of the sun when on military duty, in the year 1791, the house had in each succeeding year allowed him the sum of 50*l.*

" That the petitioner has not yet recovered his sight."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above five petitions be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

John Morison's pe-
tition.

A petition of John Morison, of the parish of Westmorland, gentleman, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That, in April last, the honourable major Brown, commanding the 15th regiment of light dragoons, quartered at the town of Savanna-la-Mar, in consequence of the barracks being much crowded, ordered a detachment of the 62d regiment, then in the said quarters, to be removed to the hospital adjacent to the said barracks :

" That the said detachment finding the hospital also much crowded with sick soldiers, many of them with the yellow fever, removed to the petitioner's house in the said town, where they were accommodated with lodgings for ten weeks, as by the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XLI.*

A petition of John Welch, captain of Fort-Small, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Capt. John Welch's petition.

"That, on the petitioner's being appointed to the command of the said fort by general Clarke, he was ordered to keep two negro men there, to take care of the buildings, &c.

"That, in obedience to such orders, and in the performance of his duty, the petitioner has constantly, during such his command, kept such negroes there: and for the hire of whom he has been paid former accounts:

"That captain Raymond, the late commander of the said fort, also received payment for negroes employed in the same service, during his command:

"That none of the military being attached to the said fort, the buildings had been subject to considerable injury, but for the residence there of the said negroes, inasmuch as the same would have been deprived the benefit of air, so essential to the preservation of the wooden parts of buildings, and been liable to the depredations of evil-disposed negroes and others, in taking off the shingles, doors, windows, hinges, &c.

"That there is due to the petitioner, for the hire and maintenance of the said negroes, from 1st January, 1796, to 31st December next, charging to that day, the sum of 114*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* as by the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XLII.*

A petition of David Aird, of the parish of Kingston, carpenter, surviving copartner of James Aird, deceased; Joseph and Robert Canteloe, of the said parish, blacksmiths; William Shrimpton, of the said parish, blacksmith; James Henderson, of the said parish, wheelwright; Archibald Duff, administrator of Alexander Stevenson, wheelwright, deceased; and Thomas Turnbull, of the said parish, turner, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition of D. Aird, W. Shrimpton, &c.

"That the petitioners were employed in their several capacities, by Nicholas Lechmere, esquire, ordnance store-keeper, acting by the orders of major-general Taylor, commanding the eastern division, in August, 1795, to furnish materials, and make four carriages for four-pounders, with limbers, and two pairs of wheels each, with side-boxes, &c. complete, for the Kingston regiment:

"That the said carriages were completed of the best materials, and charged at the same prices as were paid from the ordnance-office:

"That the accounts were presented to the house on petition, in a former session, and referred to a committee, who allowed only 400*l.* thereby leaving a balance of 305*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*"

And praying for relief.

A petition of John Mitchell, of the parish of Trelawny, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

John Mitchell's petition.

"That the petitioner, in a former session, presented an account (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) to the committee appointed for settling the accounts of the martial law expences, and not having heard of its being rejected, conceives it might have been mislaid."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XLIII.*

A petition of John Christie, of the parish of Trelawny, merchant, executor of David McHardie, late of the same place, printer, deceased, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition of John Christie, executor of David McHardie.

"That

"That, by the books of the said David McHardie there appears due and owing to his estate, from the public, the sum of 32*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for printing sundry advertisements, by order of the house, as stated in the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XLIV.*

John McDonald's
petition.

A petition of John McDonald of the parish of St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth.

"That forty carts, mules, and negroes, belonging to the petitioner, were employed in conveying the baggage of the 4th battalion of his majesty's 60th regiment of foot, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks, and also in carrying up sundry articles for mess and hospital use, from Kingston to Stoney-Hill, as stated in the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. XLV.*

Ordered,

That the above six petitions, and accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St.
Thomas in the East

A petition of sundry freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth.

"That the petitioners having engaged in the settlement of lands in the interior parts of the said parish, applied in a former session, to the house, for a grant of money to assist them in making a road to their settlements; whereupon the house granted 100*l.* for such purpose:

"That the grant has been faithfully expended, but has proved insufficient."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.
George's.

A petition of the magistrates and vestrymen, and other the inhabitants, of the parish of St. George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the house, in the session of 1796, granted the sum of 350*l.* for the making and improving a road leading from Cinger-River, in St. Andrew, to the dividing-line of the parish of St. George, in order to effect a junction with the Dry-River road; which grant has been worked out:

"That the said Dry-River road, from its junction at the St. Andrew's line, goes through a large tract of land in the said parish of St. George, for a distance of at least ten miles:

"That the petitioners conceive it would be highly advantageous to the public, if the said road was kept in repair, it being a short and an easy communication from the north to the south side, and by which the many dangerous fords of Wag-Water are avoided:

"That the repairs done to the road in St. Andrew in consequence of the afore-said grant, will, in a great measure, be rendered ineffectual, unless the communication between the two parishes be kept up."

And praying for relief.

Petition from the
Island.

A petition of sundry freeholders and other inhabitants of the parish of St. George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioners are settling coffee plantations in the interior parts of the country, at a considerable expence, and much labour:

"That it would be a great encouragement to themselves, and to others willing to

penetrate the woods, to make new settlements, if they could have a communication with the Swift River road:

“That the settlements they are making, will add considerably to the safety of the country.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of certain freeholders and other inhabitants of the parishes of Portland, St. George, Port-Royal, and St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from Portland, &c.

“That several grants of money have been made by the house, for opening a road of communication from Swift-River, in St. George’s, to Silver-Hill, in St. Andrew’s, through a very large and valuable tract of unsettled land; which road, when completed, will not only be a great relief to persons who reside in Portland and St. George’s, and those whose business may from time to time call them thence, but will also cut off the communication between Charles-Town and Nanny-Town, and greatly add to the internal safety and settling of the island:

“That the aforesaid grants are not yet expended, but shortly will be, and the same not being sufficient to complete the said road, it will be delayed unless a further grant be made for that purpose.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of sundry persons, freeholders of the parishes of Kingston, St. Andrew, and St. George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. George, &c.

“That the great road of communication from the town of Kingston, through the parish of St. Andrew, to St. George, is at present in a condition dangerous for travellers to pass through, both from the narrowness and steepness of the track:

“That the settlers in that part of the country are unable to alter or properly amend the same.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders of the parish of St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. David.

“That a road proposed to be made from Llandewy estate, in the said parish, through a tract of easy land, to the tenth mile-stone on the high windward road, will be attended with great public benefit, inasmuch as the same will avoid the very steep and difficult hill, called Cambridge-Hill, and at the same time shorten the distance at least four or five miles:

“That the proposed road being inland, and having a communication with the head of Kingston harbour, will be particularly beneficial during the present or any future war, by enabling six sugar-estates, and a great number of coffee-works, to send their produce directly to the Kingston market, free from the many risks and additional expence to which they are now subject in conveying such produce, first to the out-port of Yallah’s Bay, and afterwards in shipping it from thence to Kingston:

“That the inhabitants of the parish, from a conviction of its public utility, are ready to incur a considerable part of the expence attending the making the said road.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of the freeholders and settlers of the parish of St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. David.

“That the road leading from Fall-River, into the upper part of the parish of St. David, is dangerous and unsafe:

“That the said road, if continued, would be a much shorter one than the present road from Kingston to Titchfield, and, as it would lead through a tract of

country at present in an uncultivated state, but well adapted for the culture of coffee, it would be a great inducement to many to become settlers:

"That the petitioners are unable to undertake the whole expence."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.
David.

A petition of the settlers in the mountains of St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the road from the fording in Yallah's river, to Stone-Valley river, when completed, will be the high road through St. David's and St. Thomas in the East, from Kingston to Bath:

"That the inhabitants in the vicinity thereof are unable to complete the same."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.
James.

A petition of the magistrates and vestry of the parish of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the extensive tracts of wood and mountain lands, in the parish of St. James, in which are few inhabitants, require roads to be made through them, for the purposes of bringing them into cultivation, and of obtaining a more convenient and better intercourse between the districts of the island, than the circuitous course of the sea-coast:

"That the said tracts are particularly well adapted for the cultivation of coffee:

"That the Elderfley and Chesterfield roads have always been considered to be of the greatest import, connecting the north and south sides of the island;

"That the grants made last year for the Elderfley road are expended, and other considerable sums have been since given by the parishes of St. James and St. Elizabeth, and by individuals, but they have not been sufficient to complete the same:

"That the public grant, and the private contributions, for the Chesterfield road are contracted for, but not worked out:

"That the house last year voted a sum of money for a road leading from the Elderfley road, at or near Springfield estate, into the Chesterfield road, at or near Montpelier estate, which has been properly worked out, and for which road further assistance is required:

"That the petitioners hope that the house will also make a grant, for a track leading from the low-lands of Trelawny to the Elderfley road, which will add greatly to the interior communication of the country, will go within one mile of the maroon town, and on part of the maroon land, and will add greatly to the encouragement of settling:

"That a track has also been run from Cold-Spring, on the Elderfley road, to Great-River, through a tract formerly occupied by maroons and runaways, and is highly necessary to be made into a road."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Westmorland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the road leading from the intersection of the barrack road, from Montego-Ray to Savanna-la-Mar, through Marlinton estate and the mountains to Lenox estate, hath become a very public road, by reason of many persons having established coffee plantations, and other settlements, in the said mountains:

Petition from West-
morland.

"That, by reason of the very heavy seasons that are usual in the said mountains, the said road requires yearly a considerable sum of money to keep it in repair, and make it carriable:

"That

"That the house, in the session of last year, granted 300*l.* for the repair of the said road; 200*l.* of which remain to be worked out, owing to the death of two of the principal commissioners, and the continued heavy rains that have fallen for twelve months past:

"That the said 200*l.* will be worked out on the said road, as soon as the weather will permit, but will be inadequate to make the road cartable."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the inhabitants of the parish of Westmorland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from Westmorland.

"That the present road of communication, leading from the high road at Parker's Bay (where a public wharf is kept), to the great road of communication leading from the junction of the barrack road, through Darliston and Lenox plantations, and other settlements, to the parish of St. Elizabeth, is in a very perilous and almost impassable condition; owing, in a great measure, to a very steep and rocky hill, and which by rains is rendered dangerous in passing with wains, carts, cattle, or stock of any kind; many cattle having been killed whilst working on the road:

"That a new track hath been made from the said wharf to the aforesaid great road, leading through Darliston, Lenox, and other settlements, to St. Elizabeth, which may be made easy, safe, and convenient, to the numerous settlements lying in that interior part of the parish, by avoiding the aforesaid hill, and shortening considerably the distance of the road, at least half a mile:

"That the said road leading from the wharf, to the junction of the Darliston and Lenox road to St. Elizabeth, is the nearest road to the said wharf, of any in the neighbourhood, by at least ten miles, and is the only road that several settlements have to any wharf, or to market:

"That, with some assistance from the house, the said road may be turned or altered, to render it of public advantage."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above eleven petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of William Wright, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, by Henry Hough, of the parish of St. Mary, esquire, his lawful attorney in this island, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

William Wright's petition.

"That, by an act of the legislature of this island, passed in the year 1783, after reciting (*inter alia*) 'An act to prevent the inconveniencies arising from exorbitant grants and devises, made by white persons to negroes, and the issue of negroes; and to restrain and limit such grants and devises;' it was enacted, 'That it should and might be lawful to and for the petitioner, who was thereby enabled and empowered, by any deed or deeds-executed according to law, or by his last will and testament, or by any writing or writings purporting to be his last will and testament, duly executed, to give and dispose of, direct, limit, or appoint, his estate, real and personal, to such person or persons, and in such manner and form, and in such proportions, as the petitioner should think proper; and that it should and might be lawful, to and for the petitioner's natural children, named Mary Wright, Sarah Wright, Refamond Wright, George Wright, William Wright, and Richard Edge Wright, to purchase, take, and receive, any estate of inheritance whatsoever;' and

it was further enacted, ' That the said Mary Wright, Sarah Wright, and Rosamond Wright, and their several and respective children, and their issue, begotten by white men, and the said George Wright, William Wright, and Richard Edge Wright, should, from thenceforth, be taken for free and natural-born subjects of this island, and should thereafter be tried and adjudged for all crimes, misdemeanors, and offences, which they, or either of them, should be charged with, in the same manner as if they, and every of them, were free and natural-born subjects of the crown of Great-Britain, and were descended of and from white parents, and in no other manner whatever; and that they, and every of them, should be entitled to have and enjoy all rights, privileges, immunities, and advantages whatsoever, as if they, and every of them, were born and descended of and from white ancestors:—

" That, since the passing of the said act, the petitioner hath had three other children born, named Thomas Wright, Elizabeth Wright, and Olivia Wright:

" That the said Thomas Wright, Elizabeth Wright, and Olivia Wright, are now receiving liberal education in Great-Britain; and the petitioner is in doubt, whether they are entitled to the like privileges as the petitioner's other children, under the said recited act:

" And praying that the house will give leave for a bill to be brought in, for the purpose of granting to the said Thomas Wright, Elizabeth Wright, and Olivia Wright, the same privileges as are already granted to the petitioner's said other children by the aforesaid act."

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. G. Fuller, Mr. Bryan, and Mr. Grant; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Donald Macpher-
son's petition.

A petition of Donald Macpherfon, of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, planter, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the petitioner by long practice and attention, has discovered a method of working fleers or cattle, so that he will engage that one fourth, and on many estates one third, of the number usually employed or worked will be saved, which he is ready to make appear to the house, and moreover, that the working of cattle is little understood on many estates; that he will engage to do as much work with four cattle, as eight can do in their manner of yoking them, and with the same ease to the cattle:

" And praying that the house will take the premises into consideration, and appoint a committee, to whom he may communicate his discovery, and shew his method; and, if they approve thereof, that he may be rewarded for the same."

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Christie, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Fitch, and Mr. Deans; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Elizabeth Sylves-
ter's petition.

A petition of Elizabeth Sylvester, a free woman of colour, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

" That the petitioner, for upwards of twenty years, lived as the wife, although unmarried, with Thomas Hanlon, late of the parish of St. Mary, a free man of colour, after the manner that people of that description usually live together in this island; during which period she was supported by the said Thomas Hanlon, in a decent and comfortable manner:

" That

“ That, on the 6th November, 1795, the said Thomas Hanlon, then being a sergeant in the Trelawny brown infantry, commanded by colonel Stewart, was killed in an action with the Trelawny maroons, then in rebellion :

“ That, in consequence of the death of the said Thomas Hanlon, the petitioner has been reduced to great poverty and distress, and is now almost without the means of support ; hath very lately experienced the severity of unrelenting creditors, and is now in dread of undergoing the heretofore unthought-of and distressing hardships of imprisonment.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Stewart, Mr. Irving, and Mr. Osborn ; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A member, in his place, laid before the house, an account of the expenditure of the money granted for the Bath hospital :

Bath hospital ~~ex-~~
penditure.

Ordered,

That the said account do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Ordered,

That the commissioners of correspondence do transmit to Robert Sewell, esquire, agent for the island in Great-Britain, copies of the several resolutions agreed to by the house, relative to the two thousand men to be raised for the service of this country ; and that the said commissioners do instruct him to arrange with his majesty's ministers, the means best adapted for procuring persons of the description most suitable for the service intended ; and, with a view to making them useful to future population, that the wives and families of such non-commissioned officers and privates as may be married, be sent out at the same time ; and, as the said force of two thousand men is to be, by agreement with the British government, attached to the service of this island exclusively, the pay, subsistence, and other expences of which, after their arrival here, are to be provided for by our legislature, that our agent be particularly instructed to stipulate with his majesty's ministers, that the expenditures on that account, be made under the direction and controul of the government of this island, as far as it shall be practicable.

Order respecting
troops to be raised
for the service of
this island.

Ordered,

That the treatise composed by Bryan Higgins, esquire, M. D. on the construction of flues and chimnies, the action of fire, the hanging of coppers and clarifiers, the qualities of earths and of cane-juice, and on the manufacture of Muscovado sugar, by him presented to the several county committees, appointed by the house to attend the said doctor Higgins during the recess, and report on his improvements stated in his memorial of the 15th November, 1796, be forthwith printed and published by the printer to this house, together with engravings of the figures thereunto annexed ; and that also such further reports respecting those subjects, and the distillation of spirits, which doctor Higgins may make during the next recess of assembly, and which shall be approved of by one of the county committees, appointed by this house, shall be printed by order of the chairman of said committee ; and that the printer do dispose of all such publications, for the benefit of the public, except such copies of them as doctor Higgins himself may wish to be furnished with ; and that the printer shall, in the publication or sale

Order for printing
Dr. Higgins's re-
port.

of them, receive and follow such directions from doctor Higgins, as he may give him.

Ordered,

Members added to
road committee.

That Mr. Taylor, Mr. Grant, Mr. Deans, and Mr. G. Fuller, be added to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows :

“ MR. SPEAKER,

Message from lieutenant-governor, with accounts of army contingencies, &c.

“ *I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house sundry accounts, petitions, and memorials; of which the following is a list.*”

- No. 1. Contingent account of the 13th light dragoons.
2. Account of messieurs Cuninghame and Fergusson.
3. Estimate of the expence of keeping clean and in repair the arms belonging to the island, &c.
4. Account of the Kingston workhouse.
5. Account of William Edmondstone.
6. Account of Robert Pitcairn.
7. Contingent account of the 20th light dragoons.
8. Lodging-money account of ditto.
9. Lodging-money account and island-pay return of royal artillery.
10. Account of John Henderson.
11. Account of James Jones, esquire.
12. Contingent account and lodging-money account 63d regiment.
13. Account of Donald Campbell.
14. Account of James Dean.
15. Account of M. Howard.
16. Account of lodging-money for 83d regiment.
17. Account of John Davidson.
18. Contingent account 4th battalion 60th regiment.
19. Pioneer account of 13th regiment light dragoons.
20. Pioneer account ditto.
21. Account of James McDermot.
22. Petition of lieutenant-colonel M'Murdo.
23. Petition of lieutenant W. Johnstone.
24. Petition of Augustus Gould, as barrack-master.
25. Petition of acting brigade major Gould, for lodging-money.
26. Petition of ditto for island-pay.
27. Petition of Elizabeth Sylvester.
28. Memorial of doctor Alexander Rose.

NOTE, For these several accounts, &c. see appendix, No. XLVI.

Ordered,

That the above message, and the papers therewith sent, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the

the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker*.

Tobis, 30^o die Novembris, 1797.

MR Perry, from the committee, to whom the petition of Flora Zeney was referred, reported, that they had enquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true:

Flora Zeney's petition reported.

Ordered,

That the above report do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

Report on medical accounts.

That they had taken into consideration the petitions of doctor Samuel Bell and doctor Alexander Watt, praying payment of accounts for medicines furnished several detachments of his majesty's troops, and submit to the consideration of the house, the principle on which the said accounts are brought forward as charges against the public of this island; they deeming it proper to have the determination of the house thereon, previous to proceeding on the examination of the said accounts.

A petition of the inhabitants of the parish of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from St. James.

"That Montego-River is crossed by the post-road to the leeward parishes and county-town:

"That, in times of flood, which are frequent in that part of the country, the passing that river is highly dangerous and difficult; the progress of the post, and the general communication, much impeded; and several valuable lives have been lost in the attempt:

"That the petitioners, convinced of the necessity for a bridge over the said river, at Barnett's ford, have raised, by voluntary subscription, about 2000*l*. for the purpose, and considerable progress has been made in the building such bridge; but, for want of sufficient funds to finish the same, what has been done is unavailing, and travellers remain subject to the same danger and inconvenience."

And praying for relief.

A petition of James Disimore Pinnock, commanding Fort-Lindsay, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Captain Pinnock's petition.

"That no gunners or pioneers are appointed to Fort-Lindsay, to enable him to work the guns when necessary; and that, for the preservation of the magazine, for the

the protection of the harbour of Port-Morant, and to enable him to examine vessels that enter the harbour. he prays the house will allow him a boat, or an yearly allowance for the purchase of one, and for the hire of four negroes, that he may effect the aforesaid purposes."

Order d.

That the above report, and two petitions, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Alexr. Aikman's
petition.

A petition of Alexander Aikman, printer to the house, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner, in pursuance of the orders of the house, and by direction of agents properly authorized, has printed and published in the *Royal Gazette*, sundry laws, resolutions, advertisements from the commissioners of public accounts, board of works, &c.

"That he is directed by law, to furnish the members of the legislature, and the judges of the supreme and assize courts, with copies of the authorized edition of the laws, which he has done:

"That he has also done and performed a variety of other printing work for the public, for which he has not received payment."

And praying for relief.

NOTE. For account see appendix, No. XLVII.

A. Scarlett's
petition.

A petition of Philip Anglin Scarlett was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner was required, by the commissioners appointed under the subsistence act, for the parish of St. James, to furnish sundry negroes, &c. for the use of the public, which he complied with, and delivered in his account for the same to the said commissioners, on the 4th February, 1796; but, owing to a mistake or neglect of their clerk, the same was mislaid, and not found until within the last three months; in consequence of which, the petitioner was deprived the opportunity of having his said account passed by the commissioners."

And praying for relief.

NOTE. For account see appendix, No. XLVIII.

Capt. Pinnock's
petition.

A petition of James Dimore Pinnock, esq. re. commanding Fort-Lindsay, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there is due to the petitioner, for pay as captain of Fort-Lindsay, the sum of 121*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* as also the sum of 50*l.* for lodging-money, as stated in the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE. For account see appendix, No. XLIX.

W. M. Robbie's
petition.

A petition of William M-Robbie, of the parish of St. Catherine, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That sundry negroes belonging to the petitioner, were employed in the service of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, as particularly set forth in the annexed account, amounting to 128*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

"That an account for 1796 part of the above, although not therein so expressed, was delivered by the petitioner, at the office of the lieutenant-governor's secretary, to be laid before the house; which having been done, the committee to whom the same was referred, reported it to be just, and recommended payment thereof, with which recommendation the house have complied, by directing a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for payment thereof:

"That the balance of *yl. 6s. 8d.* still remains due to the petitioner.^o
And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix No. L.*

A petition of Simon Adolphus, of Spanish-Town, coach-painter, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Simon Adolphus's petition.

"That the petitioner hath kept in repair the island coach, from the 24th December, 1796, to the present time :

"That, by the verbal agreement of the late speaker, the same was to be kept in repair by the petitioner, for *3*ol.* per annum.*"

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For the account annexed to the above petition see appendix, No. LI.*

A petition of John Benzie, of the parish of Trelawny, tavern-keeper, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, John Benzie's petition.

"That the petitioner delivered the annexed account, in a former session, to John Hodges, esquire, late a member of the house, for the purpose of being presented to the house, but which, having omitted the same, was returned to the petitioner."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. LII.*

A petition of Donald Campbell, esquire, commanding Fort-Montego, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Capt. D. Campbell's petition.

"That there is due to the petitioner, as captain of Fort-Montego, the sum of *12*li.* 13*s.* 4*d.**

"That the petitioner hath actually advanced, or is engaged to pay, the sums charged in *No. 2, 5, 6, and 7,* of the annexed accounts :

"That the petitioner hath hired to the troops the fundry slaves, as pioneers, charged in *No. 3, 4, and 8,* of the annexed accounts :

"That the petitioner hath had the care of arms and ammunition deposited at Montego-Bay, for the use of that part of the island, and hath given great personal attendance in delivering the same, from time to time, to the forces, regulars, and militia, from the 1st August, 1795, to the present time, for which he hath never received any compensation "

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For accounts see appendix, No. LIII.*

A petition of James Drummond, practitioner in physic, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Dr. Drummond's petition.

"That the petitioner, by order of lieutenant-colonel Ramsay, attended a detachment of the royal artillery, stationed at Montego-Bay, from 27th September, 1796, to the 13th November instant, and, during such time, supplied the said detachment with the medicines charged in the annexed account."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. LIV.*

A petition of John Newland, of the parish of St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, John Newland's petition.

"That the petitioner has supplied his majesty's troops at Fort-Charles and Fort-Augusta, with water, from the 30th November, 1796, to this day, and has also furnished the said forts with market-boats and negroes, as stated in the annexed accounts."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For accounts see appendix, No. LV.*

A petition of Hugh Frazer, deputy-marshal, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Hugh Frazer's petition.

"That there is due and owing to the petitioner, the sum of 184*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* being for cash advanced by him, for the support and maintenance of prisoners confined in Kingston gaol, and other necessary expences relative thereto, from the 1st December, 1796, to this day."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. LVI.*

Account of island
secretary.

Mr. Atkinson, in his place, presented to the house, an account due to him, as secretary of the island; which being read, is as follows:

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. LVII.*

Ordered,

That the above ten petitions, and accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from Port-
Royal and St. David's.

A petition of the freeholders and settlers in the upper part of the parishes of Port-Royal and St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That many places in the road leading from Yallah's river, to Fell-Hill, in the parish of Port-Royal, are dangerous and unsafe:

"That it is an inland road, and used as such by the planters and others residing in the several parishes of St. Thomas in the East, Port-Royal, and St. David:

"That the petitioners are unable to undertake the whole of the expence necessary for completing the said road."

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.
Mary.

A petition of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the upper part of the parish of St. Mary, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That a jury-road, No. 60, has been laid out from Orange-River wain-road, in the said parish, through Flint-River barracks and Anderton, to doctor Page's gate, the line of St. Thomas in the Vale, being five miles and a quarter, and prevents crossing nine bad fordings, and being two miles and a half nearer to Spanish-Town than the road through Richmond and Expectation-Hill; and the same is interspersed with a number of small settlements, many of the proprietors whereof, in their interior situation, are unable to support the expence of making a better road, either to Spanish-Town, where their public duty calls them, or towards their nearest barquadier, for the disposal or shipment of their produce; and for which purpose, their parochial allotments are very inadequate."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above two petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

Petition from St.
Andrew.

A petition of the justices and vestry of the parish of St. Andrew, on behalf of themselves and other inhabitants of the said parish, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there are sundry buildings erected lately, on land in the said parish, adjoining the town of Kingston, and a number of inhabitants have resorted thither, who carry on trade to a considerable amount:

"That it will tend to the security of those inhabitants, and of the proprietors, from

from the calamity of fire, if a proper number of fire-engines, ladders, fire-hooks, and other proper implements for extinguishing fire, were provided and kept in order; and, if the petitioners were enabled to assess the inhabitants for that purpose, and also if the inhabitants were obliged to provide themselves with a sufficient number of fire-buckets, to be kept in their houses; and also, if fire-wardens were appointed, under certain regulations:

“That, from the vicinity to the town of Kingston, where a ready sale is found for produce of all kinds, the slaves on the estates and mountains in the said parish of St. Andrew, are induced to rob and steal from the proprietors articles of produce, and carry them for sale to the said town of Kingston, to the great injury of the inhabitants:

“That the petitioners have found the existing laws inadequate to prevent such frauds, and are desirous that a proper police should be established, to enable the petitioners to take such steps as to prevent the like in future:

“And praying that the house will give leave for a bill to be brought in, for the purposes aforesaid.”

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Cuthbert, and Mr. Redwood; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of Peter M'Tavish, of the parish of Kingston, mason, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Peter M'Tavish's
petition.

“That the petitioner hath invented a kiln for the drying of coffee, which will be of singular utility in all damp and moist situations, and serve to obviate an evil which is more or less felt in every situation, in the case of a continued series of wet weather:

“And praying that the house will appoint a committee, to inspect a model thereof; and, if the same shall be approved of, that a bill may be brought in, to secure to him the benefit of such his invention, by granting to him the exclusive privilege of erecting kilns on the said plan.”

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Deans, Mr. Barnett, and Mr. Christie; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

A petition of the justices, vestrymen, freeholders, and other inhabitants of the parish of Vere, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Petition from Vere.

“That the Bath at Milk-River, in the said parish, has been established as a public Bath, for the general benefit of the inhabitants of this island:

“That, since such establishment, persons from all parts of the island have resorted thereto, in order to avail themselves of the salubrity of its waters; and they have, in almost every instance, met with the hoped-for beneficial effects:

“That the bath is situate to the westward of the said river, which being passable only in boats, persons on the east side, where the Bath lodging-house is erected, find it very difficult to get there, whereby much impediment falls in the way of those whose diseases render the Bath waters necessary:

“That, for the want of a bridge across the said river, persons going to the Bath from the lodging-house, otherwise than in boats, which is sometimes impracticable, are obliged to use a circuitous road of seven miles, which must be very distressing

to all, and may prove fatal to many, having occasion from illness to go to the said Bath."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Anderson, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Osborn; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Committee on state
of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murray took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report & resolutions.

Mr. Murray, from the committee, reported three resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Thomas March, superintendant of Scott's Hall maroon-town, in full for lodging-money for the present year, as by his petition to the house this session.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to deny the prayer of the petitions of doctor Samuel Bell and doctor Alexander Watt, severally presented to the house this session, for medicines supplied detachments of his majesty's troops, and also to refuse payment of all accounts of the same nature, as not being properly chargeable to the public of this island:

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 1000*l.* to the commissioners of the public hospital in Kingston, in aid of the funds thereof; and that the said commissioners do account for the expenditure of the same.

Then Mr. Murray acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved,

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Additional party
bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill in aid of the party law now in force, for the purpose of authorizing and empowering the commander in chief for the time being, to raise and fit out parties, to go in pursuit of runaway slaves:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murray took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Murray, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act in aid of the party law now in force, for the purpose of authorizing and en-*"
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powering the commander in chief for the time being, to raise and fit out parties, to go in pursuit of runaway slaves."

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Allman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Veneris, 1^o die Decembris, 1797.

ORDERED,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"The house have taken into their most serious consideration, the dispatches of his royal highness the duke of York, dated Horse-Guards, 1st August, 1797. and that of his grace the duke of Portland, dated Whitehall, 9th August, 1797, addressed to your honour, and sent down to the house in your honour's message of the 1st November last, and have come to several resolutions on the subject-matter thereof; copies of which resolutions we are ordered by the house to lay before your honour.

Message to lieutenant-governor, with resolutions respecting the black corps.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert and Mr. Redwood be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The engrossed bill in aid of the party law now in force, for the purpose of authorizing and empowering the commander in chief for the time being, to raise and fit out parties, to go in pursuit of runaway slaves, was read the third time:

Additional party law,

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Passed.

Ordered,

That Mr. Osborn and Mr. Grant be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. G. Fuller, from the committee, to whom the petition of William Wright, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, by Henry Hough, of the parish of St. Mary, esquire, his lawful attorney, was referred, reported, that they had enquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and recommend to the house, to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the said petition;

William Wright's petition reported.

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

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Ordered.

That Mr. G. Foller, Mr. Bryan, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. Cockburn, and Mr. Christie, be a committee for that purpose.

Petition from St. Andrew reported.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, to whom the petition of the justices and vestry of the parish of St. Andrew, on behalf of themselves and other inhabitants of the said parish, was referred, reported, that they had enquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and recommend to the house, to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer of the said petition :

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report :

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Redwood, and Mr. Osborn, be a committee for that purpose.

Petition from Bath.

A petition of certain inhabitants of the town of Bath, keeping lodging-houses, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioners, under the sanction of a law passed for the purpose of encouraging people to settle and build houses in the said town, for the convenience and accommodation of invalids repairing thither for the use of the mineral waters, have, at great expence, erected lodging-houses, and done every thing in their power to entitle them to the support, protection, and privileges, held out to them under the said act, but which they presume to think they have been in part deprived of ; first, in being compelled to take out licences for the sale of spirituous liquors, contrary to the meaning of the said act ; and secondly, in being subjected to a tax on their houses, built and furnished, not less with a view to the public, than to their own particular interest.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered.

That the above petition be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Robert Thomson's petition.

A petition of Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That there is due and owing to the petitioner, for the hire of wains and carts, to carry the baggage of his majesty's 83d regiment of foot, from the barracks in Kingston to the ordnance wharf, and for two days hire of a large flat, to carry said baggage from the said wharf to Port-Royal, and for the rent of a store to keep said baggage, the sum of 23*l.* 10*s.* as by the account No. 1, hereunto annexed :

“ That there is also due and owing to the petitioner, for the hire of wains and carts, to carry the convalescents and baggage of his majesty's 13th regiment of light dragoons, and for water supplied that regiment, the sum of 39*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* as by the account No. 2, hereunto annexed :

“ That there is also due and owing to the petitioner, for the hire of wains and carts to carry the baggage of his majesty's 60th regiment of foot, the sum of 40*l.* as by the account No. 3, hereunto annexed :

“ That there is also due and owing to the petitioner, for water and wood supplied the said 60th regiment, and for the hire of carts to carry said wood, the sum of 21*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* as by the account No. 4, hereunto annexed.”

And

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. LVIII.*

A petition of Layton Smith, of the parish of Westmorland, esquire, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Layton Smith's petition.

"That on the arrival of the 13th light dragoons at Savanna-la-Mar, on the 24th December last, the commissioners of the said parish, wrote to the commissioners of the board of works, as the petitioner hath been informed and believes, to know in what manner the said regiment was to be supplied with fire-wood, and whether they would give any authority to the said commissioners to contract for that purpose; the board in reply, said, they did not think themselves authorized to give such permission; whereupon the petitioner was applied to by the vestry of the said parish, to supply the said regiment with fire-wood:

"That the petitioner hath, from the 28th December last, accordingly supplied 177 chord, which amounts to 132*l.* 1*s.*

"That the said vestry hath paid the petitioner only 78*l.* 1*s.* thereof, leaving a balance of 54*l.*"

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. LIX.*

A petition of Isaac Lascelles Winn was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Isaac L. Winn's petition.

"That the petitioner, when heretofore one of the commissioners appointed for building barracks at Montego-Bay, finding that the jealousies of the said barrack were spoiling, for want of priming and painting, directed James Thompson, painter at Montego-Bay, to prime and paint the same; who accordingly performed such work, but having neglected to render his account for the same, until the said barrack had been put under the direction of the board of works, the aforesaid commissioners could not grant their order on the receiver-general for the amount:

"That the said James Thompson hath commenced an action at law, for the amount of the said account, against the petitioner."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. LX.*

A petition of Jeremiah Black, of the town of Montego-Bay, taylor, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Jeremiah Black's petition.

"That the petitioner, in obedience to the orders of the commanding officer of the troops at Montego-Bay, in August and September, 1795, did make up sundry clothing for sixty confidential slaves, then ordered upon duty as black shot; and for which the petitioner hath not been paid."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. LXI.*

A petition of Alexander Watt, practitioner in physic and surgery, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

Dr. Watt's petition.

"That there is justly due to the petitioner, on four accounts hereunto annexed, the sum of 42*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* for the hire of negroes employed for detachments of the 83d regiment, quartered at Montego-Bay, in the years 1796 and 1797."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For accounts see appendix, No. LXII.*

A petition of John Spens Munro was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

John Spens Munro's petition.

"That part of an account presented by the petitioner to the house, in the session of 1796, was disallowed by the committee to whom the same was referred, for want of sufficient vouchers, in support thereof:

"That

“That the petitioner is now prepared to produce such vouchers.”
And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above six petitions, and accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St.
George, Portland,
and St. Andrew.

A petition of sundry freeholders and other inhabitants of the parishes of St. George, Portland, and St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That numerous plantations have been lately settled, and are now settling, on the banks of Buff-Bay River, in the parish of St. George; and that the great road of communication from Kingston to Buff-Bay, and to Portland, passing along the banks of the said river, through an extent of many miles, is laid out in a very advantageous manner, but that the allotments have not been sufficient to keep the said road in repair; and that, from the late heavy rains, it is now become in many parts impassable.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.
Thomas in the East.

A petition of certain freeholders of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That the petitioners have, under many difficulties and heavy expences, made settlements in the interior parts of the said parish, upon Islanda-River:

“That the petitioners have made a track, from their plantations to the great road leading to Port-Morant, which, even in its present state, is of great use and convenience, and has already encouraged settlers in the district aforesaid:

“That the establishment of a good road would be a further inducement for settlers.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.
Mary and St. Andrew.

A petition of sundry freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parishes of St. Mary and St. Andrew, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That the road leading from Tom's River to Scott's Hall passes over a very bad and dangerous hill, which has lately become almost impassable:

“That it is now absolutely necessary to alter the track, to render it practicable, and to enable the settlers to convey their produce to market.”

And praying for relief.

Petition from St.
Andrew and St.
George.

A petition of the proprietors, or persons acting for the proprietors, of lands and plantations in the parishes of St. Andrew and St. George, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“That the present great road of communication from Kingston to Buff-Bay, proceeds from Hope tavern, in Liguanea, up Mannec-River, and past Ireland estate, to Mr. Clark's mountain, which is very steep, and in many parts very dangerous:

“That a great road of communication from Kingston to Buff-Bay may be made, by using the present road from Northbrook estate to Dolly Mohun's Gap, and laying out a new road from thence to Mr. Clark's mountain, which would not only be more level, easy, and free from danger, but would also be five miles shorter:

“That such new road would be of great public utility, and would greatly conduce to the further settlement and cultivation of the lands through and to which it will pass.”

And praying for relief.

A petition

A petition of several freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Hanover, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Hanover.

“ That the road from the bridge over Great-River, near the barracks, into the old barrack road, to the line dividing the said parish from the parish of Westmorland, is of great public utility, being the principal road of communication between St. James's and Westmorland :

“ That the money heretofore granted by the house, for the repair of the said road, has been faithfully expended, but has proved insufficient.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Hanover, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from the same.

“ That the road from Lucea, in the said parish, to Bull-Head pen, in the parish of Westmorland, is a new road of communication between the said parishes, and in the vicinity of which a number of settlements are now forming :

“ That the former grants towards completing the said road have been faithfully expended, but have proved inadequate.”

And praying for relief.

A petition of certain of the freeholders of the parish of Hanover, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from the same.

“ That the house, in a former session, granted 300*l.* to be laid out on the road from Flint-River to Carpenter's Hill, in the said parish ; and which, with other money raised within the parish, has been faithfully expended thereon, but has proved insufficient to complete the said road.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered.

That the above seven petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

A petition of the magistrates and vestry of Kingston, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Kingston.

“ That, by an act of the legislature of this island, passed in the year 1693, the boundaries of the parish of Kingston were fixed :

“ That some doubts have lately arisen, respecting those boundaries :

“ That an action hath lately been tried in the grand court, touching the extent and boundaries of the said town and parish of Kingston, whereon a verdict hath been obtained, whereby a certain proportion of the said town and parish, hath been deemed and considered as annexed to, and part of, the parish of St. Andrew :

“ That, notwithstanding such verdict, the petitioners submit, the bounds of the said town and parish of Kingston are within the lines limited by the act aforesaid, as the petitioners are advised and believe :

“ That such part or proportion of the said town, so deemed and considered by the aforesaid verdict, as part of the parish of St. Andrew, hath, from time immemorial, been held as attached to, and subject to the police of, the town and parish of Kingston ; and is so situate, and the inhabitants or persons residing in, or frequenting it, of such a description as to render the peace and quietness of the said town and parish very uncertain, unless the inhabitants of such proportion aforesaid, are subject to the police of the said town and parish, in general with the remaining inhabitants thereof :

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“ That

“ That the petitioners are ready to prove the several facts aforesaid ; and, to remove all doubts and difficulties in the premises, submit, it will be to the interest, as well of the parish of Kingston as the parish of St. Andrew, that a bill ascertaining the real boundaries of the respective parishes, in such manner as may conduce to the interest and benefit of both, be brought in and passed by the house :

“ And praying that leave be given, to bring in a bill for the purposes aforesaid ; and that a committee be appointed, to consider of the means most conducive to the interest and benefit of both parishes, by ascertaining the boundaries thereof respectively, in such manner as that the police of neither parish may be injured or affected in the premises.”

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Grant, Mr. Macleod, and Mr. Atkinson ; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from St. James.

A petition of the inhabitants of the parish of St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That the petitioners lately represented to the house, the deplorable situation to which the town of Montego-Bay had been reduced by fire, and prayed assistance and relief :

“ That thereupon the house passed a bill, which afterwards was also passed by the other branches of the legislature, for making certain alterations and amendments in the streets and town of Montego-Bay, to render it more safe, healthy, and convenient, in future ; and for other purposes :

“ That the benefits intended by the said bill, to have been extended to the petitioners, are likely to be rendered nugatory, from the want of a sufficient fund for carrying the proposed improvements into execution.”

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That Mr. Mowat, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Stewart, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill, in addition to the act mentioned in the above petition.

Petition from St. Ann.

A petition of the justices and vestrymen of the parish of St. Ann, in behalf of themselves, and others the inhabitants of the said parish, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

“ That, in the first session of the present assembly, the petitioners offered a petition to the house, praying that the house would direct the agent for the island in Great-Britain, to propose to William Beckford, of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, a compromise of certain claims which the said parish set up against him, for a charitable bequest to the said parish, under the will of Charles Drax, esquire, deceased ; but which petition the house refused to receive :

“ And praying that the house will give leave for bringing in a bill, to enable the justices and vestry of the said parish, to lay a tax on the inhabitants or persons possessing property therein, with certain exceptions, for the recovery of the said claim.”

Ordered,

That the above petition be referred to Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Ostorn ; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

The house, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits; and on the public offices; and applying the same to several uses: Rum bill reported;]

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. W. Rofs took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. W. Rofs, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the remaining part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.
"An act for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits; and on the public offices; and applying the same to several uses."

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to explain and amend an act entitled, "An act to repeal an act entitled, 'An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; and for regulating the manner of raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; and for appointing commissioners for that purpose:'" Motion for a bill to amend the stamp act.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Perry, and Mr. Thompson, be a committee for that purpose.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to direct the attorney-general, to enter a noli prosequi on two judgments, for one thousand pounds each, obtained in November grand court, 1784, at the suit of our sovereign lord the king, against Eliphalet Fitch, esquire; it appearing to the house, that the bonds on which the said judgments had been obtained, that a noli prosequi should be entered thereon."

Message to lieutenant-governor, respecting two judgments of grand court.

Ordered,

That Mr. Osborn and Mr. Grant be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would take steps in the business immediately.

Resolved, nem. con.

That the time for receiving private business, be extended until Tuesday next.

Time limited for petitions extended.

Two

Two messages from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows :

First message.

“MR. SPEAKER,

Message from the
lieutenant-governor,
with Dr. Lind's
memorial.

“ *I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house a memorial from Charles Lind, surgeon to the forces in this island, and also the enclosure therein referred to :*

“ *His honour requests an early attention to the subject-matter of this memorial.*

“ *To his honour the right honourable ALEXANDER earl of BALCARRES, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of his majesty's forces in the island of Jamaica,*

“ *The MEMORIAL of CHARLES LIND, surgeon to the said forces,*

“ *Humbly represents,*

“ That much inconvenience arises in the hospitals of this island, from the island allowance being inadequate to the wants of the sick, excepting only in regiments accustomed to the climate, and therefore healthy :

“ That a detail of circumstances, causing deficiency and distress to newly arrived or sickly regiments, is more fully explained in an enclosed paper, which your memorialist submits to your lordship's consideration :

“ And that your memorialist entreats your lordship to lay the same before the house of assembly of Jamaica, that the honourable house may adopt such measures as to its wisdom may seem fit :

“ All which is respectfully submitted to your lordship, by

“ *Spanish-Town, Nov. 22, 1797.*

“CHARLES LIND.

“ It is a self-evident proposition, that where sickness exists, it is incumbent on every society or individual to diminish the miseries attendant on that state, as far as is practicable to be effected by the means of medical assistance, and a proper diet : I hat the legislature of Jamaica need only be convinced, that the present establishment for the sick is inadequate, in order to apply a remedy, is equally plain :

“ The present establishment is inadequate, inasmuch as, 1st, the only increase allowed to a sick man, is four dollars yearly to each soldier in the island :

“ This sum is to be consumed by each regiment ; hence it is to be taken for granted, that each regiment is equally healthy (it being acknowledged, that the diet of a sick man is more expensive than of one in health) : The fact is the contrary ; the 20th regiment of dragoons, for instance, is habituated to the climate ; suppose a regiment from Europe lands with a number of sick, or supposing a regiment comes from St. Domingo, or the Bahamas, &c. &c. and comes on the Jamaica establishment, the fund for this sickly regiment is no greater than that of one in much happier circumstances ; the same reasoning holds good in sickly situations in Jamaica, and especially when a regiment is detached in several divisions, which renders a connected system of economy, required even in the most favourable circumstances, almost impossible ; although, under the best and most able management, the expence of a commencing establishment is always greatest ; to which the monthly advance is incompetent :

“ Let us compare next the present establishment, with what has been the practice, in hospitals of Jamaica :

“ When

‘ When doctor Weir was surgeon to the forces, 20*l*. was allowed to each regiment; which sum was put under his management, accountable to the receiver-general, for the sole purpose of providing wine; beef being then a bit *per* pound, the ration served for the purpose of soup and nourishment, in short, all things except wine:

‘ His advantages were,

‘ 1st. The country being then in a profound peace, only four companies out of four regiments were detached; economy became systematic:

‘ 2d. The country was then healthy; no prevailing or general disease then taking place, for obvious reasons, which cannot now exist:

‘ 3d. A healthy regiment, such as the 19th, contributed by its savings to the extraordinary expence of the more sickly regiments:

‘ 4th. By there being a fund, wine was bought by the pipe, and of an inferior quality, New-York market for instance; nor was the practice of giving wine so general, as now medical practitioners are in the habit of doing:

‘ This method being found inadequate, was discontinued, and an allowance of 1*rs*. 4*d*. granted for each man actually in the hospital; the reason of this again being changed, not being in the island, I am ignorant of, but am told that it rose from abuse, trifling complaints, or punished men being admitted: I cannot but observe the singularity of this custom, if it did exist, as, beside the checks wisely provided by the legislature, the commanding officer, and the surgeon of the forces, might easily check any improper conduct in the regimental surgeon:

‘ On the whole, it appears to me, that an effectual remedy for the evils complained of, is an allowance to sick men only, as then prevailing sickness is provided with funds to supply its pressing wants; and that, in case of a regiment arriving, some person or persons should be empowered to draw money, and to be accountable for the same: For want of an advance, the 60th regiment, lately arrived, are obliged to purchase comforts by retail, and on credit, to this moment:

‘ The whole of the foregoing observations is founded on the idea, that the legislature of Jamaica will continue the practice of finding nourishment, lodging, and bedsteads, for the sick as well, as the healthy soldier; it being always understood, that the government of Britain provides bedding, instruments, utensils, and medicines, as well as salaries to medical officers:

“ CHARLES LIND.”

Ordered,

That the above message, and the memorial, and its enclosure, therewith sent, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Second message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house an account from Benjamin Telford.”

Message from lieutenant-governor, with an account,

NOTE, For-account see appendix, No. LXIII.

Ordered,

That the account sent down in the above message, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts.

Veneris, 1^o Decembris.

1797.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Martis, 5^o die Decembris, 1797.

Rum-bill passed.

THE engrossed bill for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits; and on the public offices; and applying the same to several uses, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Amended wharfage bill presented.

Mr. Shaw, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to explain and amend an act entitled, "An act to explain and amend an act entitled, 'An act to regulate wharfage and storeage,' so far as the said act relates to the towns of Kingston and Morant-Bay;" which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Report from committee of accounts.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

That they had examined the account of William Cleland, annexed to his petition, for the landing from on ship-board, and wharfage, of five cases, containing the late earl of Effingham's monument, and are of opinion, that the sum of 25*l.* should be paid him, in full of the said account:

That they had also examined the several accounts annexed to the petition of Seba Shelly, attorney to Thomas Jenkins, being for sundry disbursements and expences incurred by him, during the late maroon rebellion, and are of opinion, that the sum of 156*l.* 15*s.* should be paid; in full of the said accounts:

That they had also examined the several accounts annexed to the petition of William Pike, quartermaster of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, being for dray and boat hire, to convey provisions to the troops doing duty over the maroons while on ship-board; also for money advanced to the officers of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, for lodging-money due them; and also for pioneers hire, and sundry hospital disbursements, for the said regiment; and are of opinion, that 504*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* should be paid, in full of the said accounts:

That they had also taken into consideration the petition of doctor James Veitch, and examined the account referred to therein, being for medicines furnished, and attendance on, a party of maroons, while on ship-board at Montego-Bay, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 40*l.* ought to be paid:

That

That they had also examined the account of Sylvester Cotter, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's fifth message of the 3d August last, being for sundry articles supplied a detachment of the 83d regiment while quartered at Falmouth, and are of opinion, that the sum of 278*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* ought to be paid, in full of the said account:

That they had also examined three several accounts of Robert Thomson, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November instant, being for waggonage of the baggage of the 63d regiment, and are of opinion, that the sum of 1303*l.* should be paid, in full of the said accounts:

That they had also examined three other accounts of the said Robert Thomson, sent down to the house in the same message, being for waggonage of the baggage, &c. of the 62d regiment, and are of opinion, that the sum of 390*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* should be paid, in full of the said accounts:

That they had also examined two other accounts of the said Robert Thomson, sent down to the house in the same message, being for wains and carts employed in the service of the 83d regiment, and are of opinion, that the sum of 70*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* should be paid, in full of the said accounts:

That they had also examined one other account of the said Robert Thomson, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of wains and carts, employed in the service of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, amounting to 502*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* which they are of opinion ought to be paid:

That they had also examined two other accounts of the said Robert Thomson, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of wains and carts, employed to remove the baggage of the 13th and 17th regiments of light dragoons, amounting to 64*l.* 15*s.* which they are of opinion should be paid:

That they had also examined the account of Judith Josepht, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of a horse, in the service of the 63d regiment, and are of opinion, that 28*l.* the amount thereof, should be paid to Robert Thomson; to whom the same has been assigned:

That they had also examined two accounts of William Collins and company, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of carts and horses in the service of the 62d regiment, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 121*l.* 10*s.* should be paid:

That they had also examined two accounts of the said William Collins and company, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of waggons, carts, and horses, in the service of the 63d regiment, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 130*l.* 10*s.* should be paid:

That they had also examined one other account of the said William Collins and company, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of carts and horses, in the service of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 405*l.* should be paid:

That they had also examined one other account of the said William Collins and company, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of carts and horses, in the service of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 36*l.* should be paid:

That they had also examined one other account of the said William Collins and company, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of carts and horses, in removing the baggage of major-general Bowyer, from Kingston to Spanish-Town, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 31*l.* 10*s.* should be paid:

That

That they had also examined two accounts of George Abrams Shaw, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of carts and horses, in the service of the 62d regiment, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 90*l.* should be paid :

That they had also examined three other accounts of the said George Abrams Shaw, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of carts, mules, and horses, in the service of the 63d regiment, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 261*l.* should be paid :

That they had also examined the account of John McDonald, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of wains, carts, and cattle, in the service of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 131*l.* 10*s.* should be paid :

That they had also examined one other account of the said John McDonald, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of carts and mules, in the service of the 63d regiment, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 99*l.* should be paid :

That they had also examined one other account of the said John McDonald, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of carts and mules, to remove a quantity of arms and ammunition, from Stoney Hill to Up-Park Camp, amounting to 59*l.* 10*s.* which they are of opinion should be paid :

That they had also examined the account of William Collett, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of carts and mules, in removing the baggage of the 63d regiment, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks, amounting to 89*l.* which they are of opinion should be paid :

That they had also examined the account of Robert Thomson, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of drays and wherries, in the service of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, amounting to 21*l.* 11*s.* 8½*d.* which they are of opinion should be paid :

That they had also taken into consideration the account of Robert Thomson, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of carts, to convey the baggage of the officers of the 3d West-India regiment, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston, and recommend to the house to refuse payment thereof :

That they had also taken into consideration the account of the said Robert Thomson, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of wains, carts, and negroes, in conveying the baggage of brigadier-general Whitelocke, from Kingston to Spanish-Town, and recommend to the house to refuse payment thereof :

That they had also examined the account of Clotworthy Dobbin, sent down to the house in the same message, being for the hire of pioneers for the use of the 40th regiment of foot, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 233*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* should be paid :

That they had also examined the account annexed to the petition of John Gayner, for the hire of a negro formerly received into the black shot, and since returned to him, and are of opinion, that 31*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* should be paid, in full of the said account :

That they had also examined the account annexed to the petition of Edward Martin Whitehead, deputy-marshal, and keeper of the county-gaol of Middlesex, for the maintenance of prisoners confined in the said gaol, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 33*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* should be paid, in full of the said account :

That they had also examined the account annexed to the petition of Charles Nicholas

Nicholas Pallmer, solicitor for the crown, for sundry law business done and performed during the present year, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 78*l.* 6*s.* 1*3d.* should be paid :

That they had also taken into consideration the petition of doctor James Walker, and examined the account thereto annexed, and are of opinion, that he should be paid the sum of 100*l.* being for one year's salary as physician to the county-gaol of Surrey ; and also the sum of 138*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.* for medicines furnished the poor prisoners confined in the said gaol :

That they had also examined five island pay-bills, due the maroons of Accompong-Town, and are of opinion, that 290*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* being their amount, should be paid to the superintendant of the said town, for the use of the said maroons :

That they had also examined the account of the trustee of the Retreat pen. late the property of Robert Brereton, deceased, for the hire of pioneers for the use of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 104*l.* should be paid :

That they had also examined the account of Benjamin Whittaker, for the hire of pioneers for the use of the 17th regiment of light dragoons, and are of opinion, that 25*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* should be paid, in full of the said account :

That they had also examined the account of James Baker, for the hire of boats, to transport the baggage of the 17th regiment of light dragoons, and are of opinion, that the amount thereof, being 15*l.* should be paid :

And that they had likewise taken into consideration the account of the island store-keeper, for keeping the arms belonging to the country clean and in repair the ensuing year ; and, conceiving the same not to be within their province, beg leave to refer it to the consideration of the house.

Ordered,

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A petition of James Galloway, of the parish of Trelawny, merchant, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

James Galloway's petition.

“ That, by the direction of the house, a clause was inserted in one of the money-bills of the last year, for paying unto the petitioner the sum of 600*l.* with interest thereon, from 20th November, 1795, being for the value of five negro men slaves, named Smart, John, Duncan, Peter, and Cornwallis, received into the black shot, on the petitioner's executing a title to his majesty, for the use of the government of this island, for the said slaves :

“ That the petitioner has procured a title for four of the said slaves, namely John, Duncan, Peter, and Cornwallis ; but, in consequence of the death of the former proprietor of the negro named Smart, the petitioner is unable to procure a good and sufficient title to the said negro man slave, named Smart :

“ And praying that the said negro man may be discharged, and that the petitioner be allowed hire for him.”

A petition of George Fletcher-Coward, deputy-marshal for the parishes of Trelawny and St. James, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

G. F. Coward's petition.

“ That the petitioner hath advanced, for the maintenance and support, and other disbursements, for the prisoners mentioned in the two annexed accounts, the sum of 163*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*”

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. LXIV.*

John Pinder's petition.

A petition of John Pinder, of the parish of St. James, grazier, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the petitioner, in the latter end of the year 1795, supplied the dragoons and engineer who served at Montego-Bay, with grass, to the amount of 98*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.*

"That the petitioner, by order of major-general Palmer, sent seven axe-men, his slaves, to work at Vaughansfield, on the public service; and that the value of their labour amounts to 8*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*

"That the petitioner hath not received payment for the same, accounts for which are hereunto annexed."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For accounts see appendix, No. LXV.*

Richard Main's petition.

A petition of Richard Main, of the parish of St. George, butcher, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That, during the last martial law, the petitioner supplied the several companies of the St. George's militia with fresh beef, to the amount of 86*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* by order of the colonel of the said regiment of militia, as charged in the annexed account, no part whereof hath been paid."

And praying for relief.

NOTE, *For account see appendix, No. LXVI.*

Ordered,

That the above four petitions, and accounts, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts; that they enquire into the allegations therein set forth, and report the facts, with their opinion thereon, to the house.

Petition from Port-Royal.

A petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the parish of Port-Royal, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the road leading from Lucky-Valley, Dallas-Castle, Good Hope, and the settlements adjacent, towards the head of Kingston harbour, is an inland road, and that by which a great number of settlers carry their produce to and from the barquadiers:

"That the said road, to be completed, will require a greater fund than the settlers in the neighbourhood can afford to contribute."

And praying for relief.

Petition from Port-Royal and St. David.

A petition of certain freeholders and other inhabitants of the parishes of Port-Royal and St. David, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That the principal road leading from Philips Valley, in the parish of Port-Royal, to the several settlements of Port-Royal mountains, St. David, and St. Thomas in the East, and also from said Philips Valley to Mount Heilbron Halberstal, to the head of Kingston harbour, on the high road leading from Kingston to windward, is very much decayed, out of repair, and dangerous to travel:

"That the petitioners are very desirous of having said road put in repair, for the safety of the inhabitants and travellers, and have hitherto given all possible assistance for that purpose, but find their endeavours inadequate, without the aid of the house."

And praying for relief.

Petition from Portland.

A petition of the magistrates, vestrymen, freeholders, and other inhabitants of the parish of Portland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth,

"That there is a large tract of uncultivated land in the windward part of the parish,

parish, through which there may be a near and easy communication, from Turtle-Crawle to the road leading from Egg-hill estate, to the king's road at Priestman's river:

"That some few settlers adjoining the said lands, have tracked out a road which, if completed, will be of great public advantage, by inducing others to settle and cultivate the aforesaid lands, and in time of war several creeks may be avoided, which are well known to the Spanish pickaroons, who have formerly landed, and carried off negroes passing the sea-side road."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the magistrates, vestrymen, freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parish of Portland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Portland.

"That the house did, in the session of 1796, grant the sum of 600*l.* for the purpose of tracking a road, to form a communication between the Bath road leading to Port-Antonio, and the Swift-River road, in St. George's, through Old Nanny-Town:

"That a road has accordingly been tracked as far as old Nanny-Town, which is distant about seven miles from the Bath road, through an excellent soil for the cultivation of coffee, extremely well watered, and no part of the road steeper than one foot in twelve:

"That the said road, if completed, will be of public utility."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the magistrates, vestry, freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parish of Portland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from the same.

"That the sum of 200*l.* granted by the house in the session of 1796, in addition to former sums, towards making a road along the Rio-Grande, through Stanton Harcourt and Back-River (now Windfor), to form a junction at Seaman's Valley estate, with the road from Port-Antonio to Eath, by which several dangerous rivers are avoided, has been found inadequate to the purpose."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the justices, vestry, and other inhabitants, of the parish of Westmorland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from Westmorland.

"That a grant was made by the house last year for, and which has been worked out on, the road leading from the junction of the parishes of Hanover and Westmorland, by the Dolphin-Head mountain, through Bull-Head pen, to Blacknefs estate, in the said parish of Westmorland, but the same hath been found inadequate, by reason of the great extent of the road:

"That the said road is considerably nearer than any other road from Savanna-la-Mar to Lucea, and might, by means of a further grant, be completed as a safe and easy road."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the justices, vestry, and other inhabitants, of the parish of Westmorland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from the same.

"That the road leading from the junction of the parishes of St. Elizabeth and Westmorland, at a place called Scott's Cove, through the mountains of Culloden, Ackendown, Robin's River, Bluefields, and Shafston, over the Bluefields hills, to a place called Little-River, is greatly cut up, and otherwise injured, as well on account of the number of carts, horses, and cattle, continually passing and re-passing, as also on account of the very heavy rains which have lately fallen."

And praying for relief.

A petition of the justices, vestry, and other inhabitants, of the parish of Westmorland, was presented to the house, and read, setting forth, Petition from the same.

"That

"That the road leading from a place called the Fratte, in the said parish, over the hills above Deans Valley, to Carpenters hills, the junction of the parishes of Hanover and Westmorland, is in a very ruinous state, the allotments being inadequate to keep the same in repair."

And praying for relief.

Ordered,

That the above eight petitions be referred to the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea.

Militia bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to regulate the militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cockburn took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Progress reported.

Mr. Cockburn, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Then Mr. Cockburn acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved,

That this house will again to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the said bill.

Motion for an address to the king.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare an humble address to the king, representing to his majesty, in the most respectful manner, that, however the plan of raising black corps may be, in the opinion of every officer of rank and experience, well calculated to give strength and efficacy to his majesty's forces quartered in the West-Indies, by preventing their being so much exposed hereafter to the severity of the climate, yet that this plan is of a most dangerous nature, inasmuch as it is totally subversive of that colonial subordination, on which depends the safety of the lives and properties of his majesty's subjects in the West-Indies;

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Fraser, and Mr. Osborn, be a committee for that purpose.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

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Mercurii, 6^o die Decembris, 1797.

THE bill to explain and amend an act entitled, " An act to explain and amend an act entitled, ' An act to regulate wharfage and storeage,' so far as the said act relates to the towns of Kingston and Morant-Bay," was read a second time :

Amended wharfage bill read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Mr. Grant, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to oblige certain inhabitants of this island to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; to establish certain regulations for increasing the strength of the militia, and the number of white inhabitants; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections; which was received, and read the first time :

New deficiency bill presented.

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Friday fennight :

Ordered,

That the 1st, 3d, 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, and 44th, clauses of the above bill, be forthwith printed by the printer to this house, and that one hundred copies thereof be furnished the members.

Clauses to be printed.

Mr. Fullerton, from the committee, to whom the petition of the justices, vestry, and other inhabitants of the parish of St. Ann, was referred, reported, that the committee had enquired into the allegations therein set forth, and do find they are true, and recommend to the house, to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer thereof :

St. Ann's petition reported.

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report :

Ordered,

That Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Henry, be a committee for that purpose.

Mr. Stewart, from the committee, to whom the petition of Elizabeth Sylvester, of the parish of Trelawny, a free woman of colour, was referred, reported, that they had enquired into the allegations therein set forth, and do find they are true, and recommend to the house, to allow her the sum of *50l. per annum*, in consideration of the services performed, during the late maroon rebellion, by Thomas Hanlon, in the petition named :

Elizabeth Sylvester's petition reported.

Ordered,

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

The house, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to regulate the militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes :

Militia bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cockburn took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cockburn, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the

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remaining part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the House:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be,
"An act to regulate the militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes respecting the said militia."

Court bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for the ease and relief of jurors and suitors of the supreme and certain other courts within this island:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Chief-Justice took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Chief-Justice, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be,
"An act for the ease and relief of jurors and suitors of the supreme and certain other courts within this island; and for other purposes."

Ordered,

Order respecting collecting constables.

That the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, do enquire into and examine the accounts of the several collecting constables now attending the house, according to order; and that the said commissioners do discharge from their attendance on the house, such of them as they shall find to have fulfilled their duty.

Committee to examine Mr. Robertson's map.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to examine, and report to the house their opinion on, a map of the county of Surrey, executed by James Robertson, in obedience to an order of the late assembly, of the 19th April, 1796;

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Telfer, Mr. G. Fuller, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Christie, be a committee for that purpose.

Ordered,

Leave of absence to Mr. Murray.

That Mr. Murray have general leave of absence during this session.

Two messages from his honour the lieutenant governor, by his secretary, as follows:

First message.

"MR. SPEAKER,

Message from lieutenant-governor, respecting arms.

"I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to inform the house, that he thinks it will be advisable, as the continuance of the war is now indubitable, that the island should be possessed of a complete supply of arms, and therefore

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therefore his honour recommends the matter to the immediate consideration of the house.

Ordered,

That the above message be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Second message.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house sundry accounts; of which the following is a list.”

Message from lieutenant-governor, with accounts.

No. 1. Hospital account of a detachment 83d regiment.

2. Pioneer account of the 1st light dragoons.

3. Contingent account of the 63d regiment.

NOTE, For these accounts see appendix, No. LXVII.

Ordered,

That the above message, and the accounts therewith sent, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, Speaker.

Tobis, 7° die Decembris, 1797.

THE engrossed bill to regulate the militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes respecting the said militia, was read the third time:

Militia bill passed.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

The engrossed bill for the ease and relief of jurors and suitors of the supreme and certain other courts within this island; and for other purposes, was read the third time:

Court bill passed.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Mr. Cutlibert, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to explain and amend an act entitled, “ An act to repeal an act, entitled, ‘ An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service;’ and for regulating the manner of raising a

Amended stamp bill presented.

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tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; and for appointing commissioners for that purpose;" which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble address to his majesty, reported the same, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read;

Resolved,

Address to his majesty committed;

That the said address be committed to a committee of the whole house, immediately: Then the house resolved itself into such committee:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shirley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the address, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the address; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said address, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Vere petition reported.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee, to whom the petition of the justices, vestrymen, freeholders, and other inhabitants, of the parish of Vere, was referred, reported, that they had enquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that the erecting a bridge across the Milk-River will be attended with effects of public benefit:

Ordered,

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Amended wharfage bill committed;

The house according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to explain and amend an act entitled, "An act to explain and amend an act entitled, 'An act to regulate wharfage and storeage,' so far as the said act relates to the towns of Kingston and Morant-Bay:"

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murray took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Murray, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "An act to explain and amend an act entitled, 'An act to explain and amend an act entitled, 'An act to regulate wharfage and storeage,' so far as the said act relates to the towns of Kingston and Morant-Bay:'"

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows:

"Mr.

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, they have agreed to the bill entitled, ‘ an act to repeal an act passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty-four, entitled, ‘ An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;’ and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms,’ with the following amendments: In the 8th line from the top of the second sheet, after the word “ from ” insert the following words, “ a member of the council or assembly ” In the 8th line from the bottom of the fourth sheet, after the word “ of,” insert the following words, “ a member of the council or assembly.”

Message from council, with amendments to gunpowder bill.

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the amendments proposed by the council to the said bill.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house an account of James Baker.”

Message from lieutenant governor, with an account.

NOTE, For account see appendix, No. LXVIII.

Ordered,

That the account sent down to the house in the above message, be referred to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker*.

Veneris, 8^o die Decembris, 1797.

Prayers. THE engrossed address to his majesty was read; in the words following:

“ TO THE KING’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY,

“ The humble address of the ASSEMBLY of JAMAICA.

“ MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

“ We, your majesty’s dutiful and faithful subjects, the assembly of Jamaica, impressed with the firmest sentiments of loyalty and attachment to your majesty’s person and government, most humbly beg leave to represent to your majesty, that the people of this island have, on all occasions, manifested their anxious desire to concur, to the utmost of their power, in measures best calculated to promote the

Engrossed address to his majesty,

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honour and dignity of your majesty's government, and the prosperity of the British empire. We consider it to be our indispensable duty to lay before your majesty, in the most respectful manner, that however the plan, strongly recommended by your majesty's confidential servants, of raising a force in your majesty's West-India dominions, to consist of regiments to be composed of free men of colour and negroes, may be, in the opinion of every officer of rank and experience who has served in the West-Indies, calculated to give strength and efficacy to your majesty's forces serving therein, by preventing their being exposed to the severity of a tropical climate; yet this plan appears to us, to be fraught with unavoidable danger to the security, and very existence, of your majesty's subjects in this island; inasmuch as it is totally subversive of that colonial subordination, which has hitherto preserved their lives and properties. We beg leave humbly to represent to your majesty, that this opinion is founded in unerring experience, which we trust will justify us for declining to concur in a measure, that could not fail to threaten the destruction of this valuable colony, and all its inhabitants.

"Your majesty's paternal and beneficent solicitude, for the safety and prosperity of all your majesty's subjects, uniformly evinced since the commencement of your reign, will not permit us to doubt that, after mature consideration, your majesty will approve of the motives which influence our conduct, with respect to this very momentous object."

Resolved,

Passed.

That the said address do pass.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to the council:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Sent to the council
for their concurrence.

"The house having agreed to an humble address to his majesty, we are ordered by the house to lay the same before your honours, and desire your concurrence."

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Cuthbert be a committee to carry the above message, and the address, to the council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Amended wharfage
bill passed.

The engrossed bill to explain and amend an act entitled, "An act to explain and amend an act entitled, 'An act to regulate wharfage and storage,' so far as the said act relates to the towns of Kingston and Morant-Bay," was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to the council:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council
on gunpowder bill.

"We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the amendments proposed by your honours, to the bill entitled, 'An act to repeal an act, passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty four, entitled, 'An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder; and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;' and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms,' and have amended the bill according."

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. W. Rofs, Mr. Reid, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Turner, and Mr. Christié, be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill and message, and also the engrossed bills of Tuesday and yesterday, to the council, and desire their concurrence to the bills; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill to explain and amend an act entitled, "An act to repeal an act entitled, 'An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service;' and for regulating the manner of raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; and for appointing commissioners for that purpose," was read a second time:

Amended stamp bill
read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble address to his honour the lieutenant-governor, on the subject of the establishment of a black corps within this island, reported the same, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read;

Address to lieutenant-governor
reported;

Ordered,

That the said address be engrossed.

Engrossed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Murray took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Murray, from the committee, reported thirty-two resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

Committee on state
of the island report
32 resolutions.

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 25*l.* to William Cleland, in full of his account, for landing from on ship-board, and wharfage of, five cases, containing the monument of the late earl of Eppingham.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 156*l.* 15*s.* to Thomas Jenkins, or his representative, in full of his accounts, presented on petition to the house this session, for sundry disbursements and expences incurred by him, during the maroon rebellion.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 504*l.* 6*s.* 5*d.* to William Pike, quartermaster of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, in full of his several accounts, presented on petition to the house this session, for dray and boat hire, to convey provisions to the troops doing duty over the maroons while on ship-board; also for money advanced to the officers of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, for lodging-money due them; and also for pioneers hire, and sundry hospital disbursements, for the said regiment.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 40*l.* to doctor James Veitch, for medicines furnished, and attendance on, a party of maroons, while on ship-board at Montego-Bay, as by his petition to the house this session.

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5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 278*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* to Sylvester Cotter, in full of his account, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 3d August last, for sundry articles supplied a detachment of the 83d regiment, while quartered at Falmouth.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying to Robert Thomson, the sum of 1303*l.* in full of his accounts, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for waggonage of the baggage of the 63d regiment; also the sum of 392*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* in full of his accounts, sent down to the house in the same message, for waggonage of the baggage of the 62d regiment; the further sum of 70*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* in full of his accounts, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of wains and carts, in the service of the 83d regiment; also the sum of 50*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* in full of his account, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of wains and carts, in the service of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment; the sum of 64*l.* 15*s.* in full of his accounts, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of wains and carts, to remove the baggage of the 13th and 17th light dragoons; and the further sum of 28*l.* in full of an account, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of a horie by Judith Josephs, in the service of the 6d regiment.

7. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying to William Collins and company, the sum of 121*l.* 10*s.* in full of their accounts, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for the hire of carts and horses, in the service of the 62d regiment; also the sum of 137*l.* 10*s.* in full of their accounts, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of waggons, carts, and horses, in the service of the 63d regiment; the further sum of 405*l.* in full of their account, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of carts and horses, in the service of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment; the sum of 36*l.* in full of their account, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of carts and horses, in the service of the 5th regiment of Irish brigade; and the further sum of 31*l.* 10*s.* in full of their account, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of carts and horses, in removing the baggage of major-general Boyver, from Kingston to Spanish-Town.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying to George Abrams Shaw, the sum of 96*l.* in full of his accounts, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for the hire of carts and horses, in the service of the 62d regiment; and the further sum of 261*l.* in full of his accounts, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of carts, mules, and horses, in the service of the 63d regiment.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying to John McDonald, the sum of 131*l.* 10*s.* in full of his account, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for the hire of wains, carts, and cattle, in the service of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment; also the sum of 99*l.* in full of his account, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of carts and mules, in the service of the 63d regiment, and the further sum of 39*l.* 10*s.* in full of his account, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of carts and mules, to remove a quantity of arms and ammunition, from Soney Hill to Up-Park Camp.

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10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 8*o*l. to William Collett, in full of his account, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for the hire of carts and mules, in removing the baggage of the 63d regiment, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 21*l*. 11*s*. 8½*d*. to Robert Thomson, in full of his account, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for the hire of drays and wherries, in the service of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade.

12. That it be recommended to the house, to refuse payment of the account of Robert Thomson, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for the hire of carts, to convey the baggage of the officers of the 3d West-India regiment, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston; and also of the account of the said Robert Thomson, sent down to the house in the same message, for the hire of carts, wains, and negroes, in conveying the baggage of brigadier-general Whitelocke, from Kingston to Spanish-Town.

13. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, with an account of the sums voted for the carriage of the baggage of the army annexed, and to request that his honour will be pleased to issue such orders, as may hereafter prevent so enormous an expence, and relieve the colony from so great a grievance.

14. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 233*l*. 6*s*. 8*a*. to Clotworthy Dobbin, in full of his account, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for the hire of negroes, to serve as pie-neers in the 40th regiment of foot.

15. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 31*l*. 16*s*. 8*d*. to John Gayner, for the hire of a negro formerly received into the black shot, and since returned to him, as by his petition to the house this session.

16. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 33*l*. 3*s*. 9*d*. to Edward Martin Whitehead, deputy-marshal, and keeper of the county-gaol of Middlesex, for the maintenance of prisoners confined in the said gaol, as by his petition to the house this session.

17. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 78*l*. 0*s*. 1¼*d*. to Charles Nicholas Passmer, solicitor for the crown, for fundry law business performed by him during the present year, as by his petition to the house this session.

18. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 100*l*. to doctor James Walker, for one year's salary as physician to the county-gaol of Surrey; and the further sum of 138*l*. 7*s*. 1*d* for medicines furnished the poor prisoners confined therein, as by his petition to the house this session.

19. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 290*l*. 3*s*. 9*d*. to the superintendant of Accompong maroon-town, in full for five island pay-bills, due the maroons of the said town, presented to the house this session.

20. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one

of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 164*l.* to Thomas Cockburn, trustee of the Retreat pen, late the property of Robert Briereton, deceased, in full of his account for the hire of negroes, to serve as pioneers in the 3d regiment of Irish baggage, presented to the house this session.

21. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 25*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to Benjamin Whitaker, for the hire of negroes, to serve as pioneers in the 17th light dragoons, as by his account presented to the house this session.

22. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 15*l.* to James Baker, in full of his account presented to the house this session, for the hire of boats to transport the baggage of the 17th regiment of light dragoons.

23. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money bills, for paying to the order of the commander in chief, the sum of 262*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* being the amount of the estimate, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last, for keeping in repair the arms belonging to the country; and also the further sum of 30*l.* as the pay of a non-commissioned officer of the royal artillery, employed as a conductor of stores, at Fort-Augusta.

24. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 100*l.* to surg-on John Robinson, of the 20th light dragoons, as an allowance for extra medicines, as by his petition to the house this session.

25. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Henry Burgels, agreeably to the prayer of his petition to the house this session.

26. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 280*l.* to Charles Rose Ellis, or his representative, as the value of a mulatto man, named Billy, manumized by an act passed in the session of 1795, as a reward for his good services during the maroon rebellion.

27. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill, to put the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment:

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Grant, and Mr. G. Fuller, be a committee for that purpose.

28. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 100*l.* to the directors of the Milk-River Bath, to be applied towards building a bridge over Milk-River.

29. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money bills, for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Elizabeth Sylvester, in consideration of the services performed, during the late maroon rebellion, by Thomas Hanlon, in her petition mentioned.

30. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 500*l.* to Elizabeth Watton, in consideration of the long and faithful services of her late husband, as by her petition to the house this session.

31. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 600*l.* to the order of the honourable John Scott, Robert Telfer, Eliphalet Fitch, Kean Osborn, and Robert Whitfield,

for any three of them, for the purpose of repairing the windward road through the parish of St. David.

32. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in one of the money-bills, for paying the sum of 72*l*. to Flora Zeney, widow of the late captain Joseph Zeney, in consideration of the services of said captain Zeney, in suppressing the late maroon rebellion.

Then Mr. Murray, acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

Resolved,

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

The order of the day, for the house to resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient, and applying the same to several uses ; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen ; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections, being read ;

Resolved,

That the said order be postponed till Wednesday next.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to prevent the embezzlement of sugar, rum, and coffee, and to prevent the sale of the same by slaves, under certain restrictions ; and for other purposes :

Ordered,

That Mr. Osborn, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Fitch, be a committee for that purpose.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill to repeal an act entitled, “ An act for appointing commissioners for purchasing a sufficient quantity of land, on the north side of the public parade, in the town of St. Jago de la Vega, whereon to fix the statue of lord Rodney, and to erect one or more offices and buildings, for holding and better preserving the public records ;” and for other purposes ;

Ordered,

That Mr. Osborn, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Lyon, be a committee for that purpose.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the provost-marshal, commanding, in the king's name, the attendance of the house, in the council-chamber, immediately :

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up ; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, in the council chamber, when his honour was pleased to give his assent to the twelve following bills :

“ An act for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses.”

“ An act for raising a tax on land within this island ; and applying the same to the public service.”

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Commitment of deficiency bill deferred.

Motion for a bill to prevent embezzlement of produce.

Motion for a bill to repeal 30 Geo. III. cap. 21.

His honour's assent to bills.

“ *An act for laying a duty on tonnage, and applying the same to the use of the forts and fortifications; and for regulating the duty of gunpowder payable on tonnage, by virtue of an act entitled, ‘An act for granting a revenue to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the support of the government of this island; and for reviving and perpetuating the acts and laws thereof;’ and to enable the receiver-general to import and purchase gunpowder, under certain regulations* ”

“ *An act for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war.* ”

“ *An act to appoint commissioners to inspect the books of the receiver-general, and to settle and adjust the public accounts.* ”

“ *An act for the more speedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due.* ”

“ *An act for appointing an agent in Great-Britain, to solicit the passing of laws, and for transacting, in Great-Britain, other public affairs of this island; and for empowering the members of his majesty’s council, the speaker and the members of the assembly, for the time being, as occasion shall require, to give instructions for such his management.* ”

“ *An act to enable the right honorable Alexander earl of Balcarres, lieutenant governor and commander in chief of this island, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to issue his majesty’s royal proclamation, during the recess of the assembly, prohibiting the exportation of flour and other provisions from this island, for a limited time.* ”

“ *An act to appoint certain commissioners for the better carrying into execution the several appropriations made, or to be made, for the use of the buildings belonging to the public, and of the barracks throughout this island.* ”

“ *An act to authorize the swearing to accounts of produce, before any judge of the supreme court, or before the chief or any assistant judge, of any of the courts of common pleas within this island* ”

“ *An act to repeal an act, passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty-four entitled, ‘An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;’ and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire arms.* ”

“ *An act further to explain and amend ‘An act to enable the justices and vestry of St. Thomas in the Vale, more effectually to repair the highways in the said parish, and the highway leading from the said parish to the town of St. Jago de la Vega;’ and for other purposes.* ”

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Sabbati, 9^o die Decembris, 1797.

THE engrossed address to his honour the lieutenant-governor was read, in the words following:

“ JAMAICA,

JAMAICA, ff.

To the right honourable ALEXANDER earl of BALCARRES, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of this his majesty's island of Jamaica, and the territories thereon depending in America, chancellor and vice-admiral of the same.

Address to lieutenant-governor passed.

"THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE ASSEMBLY,

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We, his majesty's faithful subjects, the assembly of Jamaica, beg leave to assure your honour, that we have considered, with the utmost candour and attention, the very important measure which you have been commanded to lay before us, and which you have thought it your duty to recommend to us with earnestness.

"We can with confidence appeal to your lordship, to bear testimony of our attachment to his majesty's person and government, and anxious zeal for the prosperity of our parent state, and we warmly thank you, my lord, for the dependence you express on our loyalty, and regard for the general interests of the empire; but on a question wherein the present and future safety of this island are so imminently at stake, we think it our duty to declare, that we cannot approve of a measure, that would be destructive of that colonial subordination, which has hitherto been our security.

"We have laid before your lordship our reasons against it, and we have presented to you another measure, to provide in part for the preservation of Jamaica; which we trust will be graciously received by his majesty, as the strongest proof we can give, of our anxiety to make every exertion, to assist in the defence of this important colony.

"We have only to intreat your lordship, to represent our sentiments in the most favourable manner, and to give weight to our efforts, which, we can with truth assure you, far exceed our present means."

Resolved,

That the said address do pass:

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to acquaint you, that having an humble address to present, they desire to know when you will please to be attended."

Message to his honour.

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley and Mr. Grant be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, in one quarter of an hour.

Mr Shirley, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for putting the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Tuesday next.

The quarter of an hour being expired, Mr. Speaker, with the whole house, went

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up to attend his honour the lieutenant-governor, to present their address; and being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that the house had attended his honour the lieutenant-governor, and presented their address, to which his honour was pleased to return an answer; of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, and the same being read, was ordered to be entered, and is as follows:

“ MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

Lieutenant-gover-
nor's answer.

“ *I receive your address with the greatest satisfaction.*

“ *I can, with the utmost sincerity, bear testimony of your attachment to his majesty's person and government, and that you have always, within the period of my experience, manifested the most anxious zeal for the prosperity of the parent state.*

“ *Although you have disapproved of the measure which I so earnestly recommended to you, yet your disapprobation of it has been expressed with so much candour, decorum, and respect, as cannot but secure the utmost attention to the reasons you have urged.*

“ *The measure, which you have proposed as its substitute, is undoubtedly a very important one, and strongly proves the sincerity of the motives which have influenced your conduct.*

“ *I receive it as a fair and honourable proposal to government, and I will zealously recommend it to his majesty's acceptance.*

“ *In the mean time, and until his royal pleasure is signified, I most readily give you the most solemn assurances, that all proceedings for the raising and equipment of the black corps shall be suspended.*”

John Stone's peti-
tion reported.

Mr. Redwood, from the committee, to whom the petition of John Stone, of the parish of Kingston, gentleman, was referred, reported, that they had enquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that he should have compensation, as one of the surviving proprietors, now in this island, of the Spanish-Town theatre, for the occupancy thereof by his majesty's troops:

Ordered,

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A motion being made, that the house do come to the following resolution;

Resolved,

Resolution respect-
ing the command
of the troops voted.

That the committee of correspondence be directed to write a letter to Robert Sewell, esquire, agent for this island, desiring him to express to his majesty's ministers, the high sense this house entertains of the many services done this island, by the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarras, our lieutenant-governor, and to express the earnest wish of this house, that his majesty will be graciously pleased to appoint him colonel in chief of the four battalions, expected to be raised for the protection of this island, agreeably to the resolutions of the assembly of the 25th November last:

And a motion being made, that the said resolution be amended, by striking out the word "directed;" and inserting the word "requested;"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And another motion being made, that the said resolution be further amended, by striking out the words "expected to," and inserting the words "which it is expected will:"

It was resolved in the affirmative:

And the previous question being put, Whether that question be now put;

The house divided:

The votes went forth:

Ayes, 13:—Mr. Radwood, Mr. Telfer, Mr. R. Ross, Mr. Grant, Mr. Fitch, Division, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Christie, Mr. G. Fuller, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Stewart.

Noes, 11:—Mr. Macleod, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Reid, Mr. Shibley, Mr. Perry, Mr. Irving, Mr. Turner, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Murray.

So it was resolved in the affirmative:

Then the main question, as amended, being put;

And a debate thereon arising, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered,

That Mr. Osborn have general leave of absence during this session.

Then the house adjourned till Tuesday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker*.

Martis, 12° die Decembris, 1797.

Prayers. A MESSAGE from the council, by their clerk, as follows;

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the humble address to his majesty, sent on Friday last by the house for their concurrence, with the following amendments; and, if the house agree to the said amendments, the council desire they will be pleased to fill it up accordingly:

Message from council, with amendments to address to the king.

"From the word 'We,' in the 1st line of the second page, dele all the following words, as far as the word 'for,' inclusively, in the 3d line from the top, and in place thereof, insert the following words: 'Therefore I humbly beg, from the experience we have hitherto had of your majesty's paternal care of us, that your majesty will think us justified in':

"From

"From the word 'inhabitants,' in the 4th line from the top of the same page, delete all the following words, to the end of the address."

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the amendments proposed by the council to the said address:

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Cutlibert, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Murray, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Fitch, be a committee to join a committee of the council, to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, to desire he will be pleased to transmit the address to his majesty, in the most acceptable manner.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to the council:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council,
with amended ad-
drefs to the king.

"We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the amendments proposed by your honours to the humble address to his majesty, and have amended it accordingly; and that they have filled up the blanks, with the words 'council and,' in the said address, agreeably to your honour's message of this day; and have appointed a committee, to join a committee of your board, to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, to desire he will be pleased to transmit the same to his majesty, in the most acceptable manner."

Ordered,

That Mr. Frazer and Mr. Lyon be a committee to carry the above message and address to the council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Order of the day
deferred.

The order of the day, for the second reading of the bill for putting the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment, being read;

Resolved,

That the said order be postponed till Thursday next.

Amended transient
tax bill presented.

Mr. Perry, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to amend and explain an act entitled, "An act for laying a tax on all ships and vessels trading to this island, for and towards the support and maintenance of the transient poor;" which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Peter M'Tavish's
petition reported.

Mr. Deans, from the committee, to whom the petition of Peter M'Tavish, of the parish of Kingston, mason, was referred, reported, that they had enquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and are of opinion, that a committee should be appointed, to prepare and bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer thereof:

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

That Mr. Deans, Mr. Barnett, and Mr. Christie, be a committee for that purpose.

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Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

Report from committee of accounts.

That they had taken into consideration several petitions, and examined sundry accounts, which had been referred to them, and are of opinion, that the following persons should be paid the sums set opposite their respective names:

George Robert Johnson, 18*l.* for fire wood furnished the 13th light dragoons:

Representative of David Watton, 8*l.* 10*s.* for negro hire, wooding and watering a detachment of the 83d regiment at Fort-George:

Treasurer of Trellawny workhouse, 516*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* for negro-hire, supplying detachments of the regulars, and the militia, in martial law, with wood, water, &c.

Treasurer of St. James's workhouse, 271*l.* 15*s.* for negro labour, carrying provisions and baggage of the 83d regiment, at Montego-Bay:

Churchwardens of St. James, 193*l.* 7*s.* 11½*d.* for cash advanced in the public service, for the use of the regulars:

Captain John Veitch, 59*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* for maintaining and clothing four pioneer negroes at Fort-George; and 49*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for gunpowder, and sundry articles furnished, for the use of the said fort:

William Finch, 32*l.* 10*s.* for the hire of pioneers for the 3d regiment of Irish brigade:

David Ross, 25*l.* 0*s.* 7½*d.* for water supplied the troops at the Apostles-Battery; and 12*l.* 15*s.* for the hire of a negro to attend the adjutant-general's office:

Thomas Morley, 20*l.* for the value of a horse impressed in martial law, and not returned to him:

Elizabeth Collins, 35*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for the hire of a pioneer negro for the 17th light dragoons:

Sarah McSherry, 71*l.* 15*s.* for the hire of pioneer negroes for ditto:

Sarah Sanders, 35*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for the hire of a pioneer negro for ditto:

Colin Thomson, 12*l.* 10*s.* for gunpowder furnished the St. James's militia:

The attorney of William Mitchell, 235*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for sundry articles and disbursements doing martial law:

Doctor Samuel Bell, 100*l.* for two years attendance on, and medicines furnished, the poor prisoners in the county-gaol of Cornwall:

George Abrams Shaw, 57*l.* 15*s.* for the hire of a cart and mule, in the service of the 62d regiment:

The attorney of John Henderson, 113*l.* 5*s.* for the hire of boats and waggons, in the service of the 3d and 5th regiments of Irish brigade, and for wharfage of sundry articles belonging to the said regiments; also for water supplied the Apostles-Battery:

John Spencer, 145*l.* for the hire of waggons, to convey from Spanish-Town to Port-Henderson, convalescent soldiers and army baggage:

James Grant, a maroon officer of Charles-Town, 19*l.* 10*s.* for sundries supplied a party of militia, when at Charles-Town; and for a saddle lost by him when ordered to Kingston:

Major general Bowyer, 38*l.* for island pay and lodging-money, as major-general on the staff establishment of the island:

Captain Campbell, aid du camp to major-general Bowyer, 17*l.* 10*s.* for island pay and lodging-money, in such his capacity:

Doctors Brodelt and Lee, 100*l.* for one year's salary as physicians to the county-gaol of Middlesex:

Barth Thomas, 737*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* for the hire of pioneers for the service of different regiments of his majesty's troops:

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Treasurer

Treasurer of Kingston workhouse, 68*l.* 15*s.* for the hire of negroes in the service of his majesty's troops, sent to the house among the accounts of the above-named Martha Thomas:

Nicholas Lechmere, 375*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.* in full of sundry mechanics accounts, for making gun-carriages for the Kingston militia, in martial law:

John Christie, executor of David M^rHardie, 32*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* for printing business:

John M^rDonald, 136*l.* 10*s.* for cart-hire, in the service of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment:

Commanding officer 13th light dragoons, 351*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* for two contingent accounts of the said regiment:

Cunninghame, Fergusson, and company, 231*l.* 10*s.* 1½*d.* for sundry articles supplied the ordnance department:

Treasurer of the Kingston workhouse, 94*l.* 5*s.* for the hire of negroes, employed in drawing water for the 62d, 63d, and 83d regiments:

William Edmondstone, 7*l.* 15*s.* for fundries supplied the armoury at Spanish-Town:

Robert Pitcairn, 45*l.* for making chests for the reception of public arms:

Commanding officer 20th light dragoons, 486*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* contingent account:

Officers of ditto, 435*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* lodging-money account:

Officers of royal artillery, 322*l.* 18*s.* 10¾*d.* lodging-money account:

Attorney of John Henderson, 170*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* for freight, wharfage, and wainage, of arms and ammunition belonging to the country:

Honourable James Jones, 22*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for wainage of arms belonging to the country:

Commanding officer of the 63d regiment, 129*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.* contingent account, the committee having deducted 17*l.* 10*s.* charged for apprehending deserters:

Officers of ditto, 405*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.* lodging-money account, the committee having deducted the lodging-money charged for Hugh Clough, as island hospital mate, he receiving it in another capacity:

James Dean, 20*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* for freight, wharfage, and negro labour, in the service of his majesty's troops:

Mark Howard, 33*l.* for transportation of convalescents, and wainage of army baggage, and articles of ordnance:

John Davidson, 8*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* for wharfage of sundry articles belonging to the 17th light dragoons:

Commanding officer 4th battalion 60th regiment, 57*l.* 9*s.* 5½*d.* contingent account, the committee having deducted 2*l.* 5*s.* charged for searching for deserters:

Lieutenant-colonel M^rMurdo, deputy quartermaster-general, 102*l.* for island pay and lodging-money, from 1st December, 1796, to 30th November, 1797:

Lieutenant Walter Johnson, 20*l.* for lodging-money, as military secretary to the commander in chief, from 1st November, 1796, to 1st November, 1797:

Augustus Gould, barrack master, 182*l.* 10*s.* for pay, from 2d December, 1796, to 1st December, 1797:

Brigade-major Gould, 50*l.* for lodging-money, to 30th November, 1797, and 13*l.* for island pay to same time:

John Morison, 43*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for lodgings furnished a detachment of the 62d regiment, at Savanna-la-Mar:

Commanding officer 83d regiment, 125*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* contingent account:

John Mitchell, 18*l.* 0*s.* 8¾*d.* for sundry articles supplied the Trelawny militia, in martial law:

That,

That the committee had taken into consideration the account of Phoenix-Park pen. presented to the house on the 23d November last, for sundry charges against the 17th light dragoons, and are of opinion, that the same should not be paid :

That the committee had taken into consideration the extraordinary circumstances stated in the memorial of doctor Patrick Mitchell, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's fifth message of the 3d August last, and recommend to the house, to allow him the balance due on his hospital account for the 63d regiment, therewith set t, being 68/ 11s 1d. but submit to the house, that this allowance should not be considered as a precedent :

And that they had also taken into consideration the account of lieutenant-colonel McDermott, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for grass for a cart-horse, and are of opinion, that the same should not be paid.

Ordered,

That the above report be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows :

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ *I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that, agreeably to their message of this day, they have appointed a committee of three of their board, to join a committee of the house, to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor immediately, to desire he will be pleased to transmit the humble address of the council and assembly to his majesty, in the most acceptable manner.*”

Message from the council, on address to the king.

Then the committee went up; and being returned, Mr. Shirley, from the committee, reported, that the joint committee had waited on his honour the lieutenant-governor with the address, and desired that he would be pleased to transmit the same to his majesty, in the most acceptable manner; and that his honour was pleased to say, he would transmit it to his majesty, by the earliest opportunity, in the most acceptable manner.

Joint committee wait on lieutenant-governor with address to the king.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to explain and amend an act entitled, “ An act to repeal an act, entitled, ‘ An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service;’ and for regulating the manner of raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; and for appointing commissioners for that purpose.”

Amended stamp bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be,

Engrossed.

“ *An act to explain and amend an act entitled, ‘ An act to repeal an act entitled, ‘ An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps;*”

stamps; and applying the same to the public service;” and for regulating the manner of raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; and for appointing commissioners for that purpose.”

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Allman to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, Speaker.

Mercurii, 13^o die Decembris, 1797.

Amended stamp bill, and

Prayers. **T**HE engrossed bill to explain and amend an act entitled, “ An act to repeal an act entitled, ‘ An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service;’ and for regulating the manner of raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; and for appointing commissioners for that purpose. was read the third time :

Rider to the same,

And a rider being proposed to the said bill, the same was received, and read the first time :

Ordered,

That the said rider be read a second time :

Then the said rider was read a second time :

Ordered,

That the said rider be read a third time :

Then the said rider being read the third time ;

Resolved,

Passed.

That the said bill, and rider, do pass.

Amended transient tax bill read second time.

The bill to amend and explain an act entitled, “ An act for laying a tax on all ships and vessels trading to this island, for and towards the support and maintenance of the transient poor,” was read a second time :

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

William Wright's petition reported.

Mr. G. Fuller, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to authorize and enable William Wright, late of the parish of Portland, but now of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, to sell or dispose of his estate, both real and personal, in this island, by deed or will, in such manner as he shall think proper, notwithstanding an act of the governor, council, and assembly of this island, entitled, “ An act to prevent the inconveniencies arising from exorbitant grants and devises, made by white persons to negroes, and the issue of negroes, and to restrain and limit such grants and

and devises;" and to entitle Thomas Wright, Elizabeth Wright, and Olivia Wright, to the same rights and privileges with English subjects, under certain restrictions; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee to whom the petition of the magistrates and vestry of the parish of Kingston was referred, reported, that they had enquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find they are true, and recommend to the house, to appoint a committee to prepare and bring in a bill, agreeably to the prayer thereof: Kingston petition reported.

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

That Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Grant, and Mr. Christie, be a committee for that purpose.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; and applying the same to several uses; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections: Committee on deficiency bill;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Henry took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Henry, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where several of the said amendments being again read, were agreed unto by the house: Progress reported.

Then one other amendment being again read;

And a motion being made, that the report be amended, by inserting the words "the duties on negroes and;"

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it passed in the negative:

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Then Mr. Henry acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved,

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the said bill.

Resolved,

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to request that he will be pleased to send to the house the last returns of the regular troops in the island, distinguishing such of each regiment as are unfit for duty; and that he will also be pleased to send to the house, the last return of the horses of the 20th regiment of light dragoons. Regular troops.

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Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Allan to print these Votes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker*.

Tues, 14^o die Decembris, 1797.

Prayers. ORDERED,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor, with a resolution of the house.

“ We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you the following resolution of the house of Saturday last :

‘ Resolved, that the committee of correspondence be requested to write a letter to Robert Sewell, esquire, agent for this island, desiring him to express to his majesty’s ministers, the high sense this house entertains of the many services done this island, by the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, our lieutenant-governor. and to express the earnest wish of this house, that his majesty will be graciously pleased to appoint him colonel in chief of the four battalions, which it is expected will be raised for the protection of this island, agreeably to the resolution of the assembly of the 28th November last.”

Ordered,

That Mr. Redwood and Mr. Fitch be a committee to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor with the above message ; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Wright’s privilege bill, read second time ;

The bill to authorize and enable William Wright, late of the parish of Portland, but now of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, to sell or dispose of his estate, both real and personal, in this island, by deed or will, in such manner as he shall think proper, notwithstanding an act of the governor, council, and assembly of this island, entitled, “ An act to prevent the inconveniencies arising from exorbitant grants and devises, made by white persons to negroes, and the issue of negroes, and to restrain and limit such grants and devises ;” and to entitle Thomas Wright, Elizabeth Wright, and Olivia Wright, to the same rights and privileges with English subjects, under certain restrictions, was read a second time :

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill be engrossed.

Annotto-Bay fort bill, read second time.

The bill for putting the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment, was read a second time :

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Mr. Deane, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for granting to Peter M^r. Taviq, of the parish of Kingdon, mason, the exclusive privilege of erecting or building kilns for the drying or manufacturing of coffee, on a plan or method by him invented; which was received, and read the first time:

M^r. Taviq's patent bill presented.

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, to-morrow.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to send to the house, the last returns of the regular troops in the island, distinguishing such of each regiment as are unfit for duty; and that your honour will also be pleased to send to the house, the last return of the horses of the 20th regiment of light dragoons."

Message to lieutenant-governor, requesting a return of the troops.

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Perry, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cockburn, and Mr. R. Ross, be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; and also to carry the engrossed bill of yesterday to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour, in answer to the message, was pleased to say he would give directions accordingly.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, appointed to examine, and report to the house their opinion on, a map of the county of Surrey, executed by James Robertson, in obedience to an order of the late assembly, of the 19th April, 1796, reported,

Report on Robertson's map of Surrey

That they had carefully examined the said map, and are unanimously of opinion, that it has been executed with the greatest accuracy, and that it comprises all the objects stated in the petition and proposals of the said James Robertson, presented to the house in 1796:

That Mr. Robertson, having faithfully executed so much of his contract, is become entitled to the consideration of 2500*l.* to be vested in the hands of the receiver-general for the time being, for the use of the said James Robertson, his heirs and assigns, after the final performance of the terms contained in his said proposals; and, in the meanwhile, to the interest of the said sum; and that the committee are of opinion, that a clause should be inserted in one of the money-bills, to secure the same:

That the committee are further of opinion, that the said map should be left in the hands of the said James Robertson, to be by him improved, as new settlements will be made during the survey of the island, and to have delineated thereon the mountains, for the purpose of engraving the same.

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause agreeably to the above report.

Ordered,

That the said James Robertson do proceed in his survey, in the county of Middlesex,

To proceed with Middlesex.

Adlex, and delineate and perform a map of the said county, pursuant to his petition and proposals to the house, in the last session of the late assembly.

Deficiency bill reported;

The house, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; and applying the same to several uses; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Henry took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Henry, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the remaining part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; and applying the same to several uses; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections.*"

Amended transient tax bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to amend and explain an act entitled, "*An act for laying a tax on all ships and vessels trading to this island, for and towards the support and maintenance of the transient poor.*"

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Perry took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Perry, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for laying a tax on all ships and vessels trading to this island, for and towards the support and maintenance of the transient poor.*"

Ordered,

Returns of produce exported, ordered.

That the naval officer do forthwith make a return to the house, of all articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture, of this island, which have been exported, and to what places, from the 1st October, 1796, until the 30th September last; also of all articles of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the West-India islands, and southern continent of America, imported under the authority of the Free-Port Act, or under the terms of submission of part of St. Domingo to his majesty's government, and afterwards exported from hence, during the said period, distinguishing to what places the same were shipped.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. Lyon and Mr. Frazer be added to the committee, appointed to collect and revise the minutes of the house, from the earliest records of its proceedings, and to cause the same to be printed under their inspection, after the manner of the Journals of the House of Commons.

Mr. Lyon and Mr. Frazer added to the committee of journals.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am ordered by the lieutenant-governor and commander in chief, to inform the house, in reply to their message of this day,

Lieutenant-governor's reply to the first message of this day.

"That he feels with sensibility, the high and distinguished honour which the assembly have conferred upon him, by their resolution of the 9th instant:

"However grateful such a dignified and unexpected mark of their favour, is to his ambition, he nevertheless must request their permission to decline, with every sentiment of respect, the high honour to which they have thought him worthy of being recommended."

Ordered,

That the above message do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the bill entitled, 'An act to regulate the militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes respecting the said militia,' with the following amendments:

Message from the council, with amendments to militia bill.

"In the 15th line from the top of the sixth sheet, between the word 'employed,' and the word 'and,' insert the words, 'provided there be upon such sugar plantation, one hundred slaves or more, and not less than three able-bodied white men, actually doing duty in the militia; and two white men shall be permitted to remain, upon every sugar plantation where they shall be employed, provided there be upon such sugar plantation, four hundred slaves or more, and not less than six able-bodied white men, actually doing duty in the militia.'

"In the last line in the twelfth sheet, after the word 'arrest,' insert the words, 'every colonel or commanding officer recommending any person for a commission, to the commander in chief, shall state in writing, that the person so recommended is, and hath been, for two months previous, resident in the parish, in the militia whereof he is colonel or commanding officer; and, if the colonel or commanding officer shall be proved to have recommended a person not resident in his parish, he shall be liable to a fine, to be levied by warrant under the hand and seal of the commander in chief.'

"In the 23d line from the top of the thirteenth sheet, after the word, 'island,' insert the words, 'the colonel or commanding officer of every regiment shall, in the first quarter of every year, lay before the magistrates and vestry, a state of all the fines collected, and the uses to which they have been applied, and he shall take the following oath:

"I, A. B. do swear, that the foregoing is a true and just account, to the best of my knowledge

knowledge and belief, of all the fines collected against the defaulters in regiment, and the application of them to their several uses, as specified in this account, now submitted to the magistrates and vestry; and that I have not, at any time, or in any manner, applied any of the monies arising from the said fines to my own use, or for my own advantage: And, if such colonel or commanding officer takes a false oath, he shall be degraded from his rank, pay a penalty of two hundred pounds, and shall be liable to a prosecution at law; and, if convicted, shall suffer the like pains and penalties, as by the laws and statutes of Great-Britain and this island are provided against, and inflicted on persons guilty of, perjury."

Ordered,

That the consideration of the above message be postponed till to-morrow.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Veneris, 15^o die Decembris, 1797.

Deficiency bill passed.

THE engrossed bill to oblige the several inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections; and for applying the monies to arise by virtue of this act to several uses, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Amended transient tax bill passed.

The engrossed bill to amend and explain an act entitled, "An act for laying a tax on all ships and vessels trading to this island, for and towards the support and maintenance of the transient poor, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Wright's privilege bill passed.

The engrossed bill to authorize and enable William Wright, late of the parish of Portland, but now of the kingdom of Great-Britain, esquire, to sell or dispose of his estate, both real and personal, in this island, by deed or will, in such manner as he shall think proper, notwithstanding an act of the governor, council, and assembly of this island, entitled, "An act to prevent the inconveniencies arising from exorbitant grants and devises, made by white persons to negroes, and the issue of negroes; and to restrain and limit such grants and devises;" and to entitle Thomas Wright, Elizabeth Wright, and Olivia Wright, to the same rights and privileges with English subjects, under certain restrictions, was read the third time:

Resolved,

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

The bill to oblige certain inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; to establish certain regulations for increasing the strength of the militia, and the number of white inhabitants; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The bill for granting to Peter M'Tavish, of the parish of Kingston, mason, the exclusive privilege of erecting or building kilns for the drying or manufacturing of coffee, on a plan or method by him invented, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

The order of the day, for the house to take into consideration the amendments proposed by the council in their message of yesterday, to the bill entitled, "An act to regulate the militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes respecting the said militia," being read; and the said amendments being again severally read:

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the first, and do disagree to the second and third, of the said amendments.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, to whom the petition of the clergy of Jamaica was referred, reported,

That they had taken the same into their consideration, and, in order to enable them to make a full and perfect report to the house, of the situation of the clergy of the island in general, had perused the several laws which have, at different times, been passed relative to their establishment, and find,

That, by the 11th section of 33d Charles II. chap. 18th, it is provided, that no ecclesiastical law or jurisdiction shall have power, in any case whatsoever, to inflict any penal mulcts or punishments:

That, by the 2d section of 21st George II. chap. 6th, without repealing the above provision in a direct manner, the bishop of London is invested with the exercise of ordinary jurisdiction in this island, as far as the same appertains to the ecclesiastical regimen of the clergy only, but not with authority in respect to the presentation or induction to any of the churches or parishes in this island:

That the committee observe, that no ecclesiastical jurisdiction has ever been exercised, by any deputation or authority from the bishop of London; and they are of opinion, that in future the exercise of ordinary jurisdiction in this island, appertaining to the ecclesiastical regimen of the clergy, should be vested in the governor or commander in chief for the time being:

That, in the year 1661, the island was divided into fifteen parishes:

And that the committee find, that, by the 9th section of the aforesaid act of 33d Charles II. it was enacted, that the rector of the parish of Port-Royal should be allowed 250*l.* *per annum*; the rector of the parish of St. Catherine not less than

140*l.*;

New deficiency bill,
read second time.

M'Tavish's patent
bill, read second
time.

Council's amend-
ments to militia bill
considered.

Report on petition
of the clergy.

140*l.*; the rectors of the parishes of St. Thomas, St. Andrew, and St. John, 100*l.* *per annum* each; and the rectors of the other parishes in the island, not less than 80*l.* *per annum* severally; and which said annual stipends were to be paid by the parishes, to their rectors respectively, for their support and maintenance, and were made payable at the dwelling-house of each such rector, by equal portions, every six months, without any charge or defalcation; and it was provided, that none should be capable of being presented to the said benefices, or of receiving the profits of the same, unless they should produce due testimonials of their being qualified, according to the canons of the church of England, by having taken deacons and priests orders, and which said testimonials should be recorded in the secretary's office:

That, by the 5th Ann, chap. 1st, the justices and vestries of the several parishes were allowed, if they thought fit, to increase the annual stipends to their rectors, in the following manner: The stipend to the rector of the parish of St. Catherine, to 250*l.* *per annum*, to the rectors of the parishes of St. Thomas in the Vale, St. Dorothy, Kingston, Vere, and Clarendon, to 200*l.* *per annum* each; and the stipends to the rectors of the several other parishes, except Port-Royal, to 150*l.* *per annum*; and which increase was granted for the encouragement of learned and pious men, to come and reside in the several parishes of this island; and the stipend to the rector of the parish of Port Royal was reduced to 150*l.* *per annum*; which reduction was made, in consequence of the great decrease of population and wealth in the said parish:

That, by 21st George II. chap. 6th, all discretionary power which had been granted to the justices and vestries, by the aforesaid regulation, was taken away, and the annual stipends to the rectors of the several parishes, settled thus:

	Curr. <i>per ann.</i>			
To the rector of the parish of St. Catherine	-	-	-	£. 300
St. Thomas in the Vale	-	-	-	200
St. Dorothy	-	-	-	200
Kingston	-	-	-	250
Vere	-	-	-	200
Clarendon	-	-	-	250
Port-Royal	-	-	-	200
St. Andrew	-	-	-	200
St. John	-	-	-	200
St. Thomas in the East	-	-	-	250
St. David	-	-	-	100
St. George	-	-	-	100
St. Mary	-	-	-	200
St. Ann	-	-	-	200
St. James	-	-	-	200
St. Elizabeth	-	-	-	200
Westmorland	-	-	-	250
Hanover	-	-	-	200
Portland	-	-	-	100

And, by the 14th George III. chap. 31st, for dividing the parish of St. James into two parishes, the rector of the new parish, Trelawny, was allowed an annual stipend of 200*l.* currency, and was made subject to the like penalties and regulations as the rectors of the several other parishes in this island, were or should be:

And which said several annual stipends were made payable, in equal portions, every

every six months, to the rectors of the several parishes, by the churchwardens of each respective parish; and, by the said act of 21st George II. the justices and vestries were restrained from making any addition to the stipends then settled:

That the committee further find, that, by the 30th George III. chap. 13th, an addition was made, to the annual stipends of the rectors of the several parishes in which churches had been erected, in the following proportions:

Curr. per ann.				Curr. per ann.			
St. Catherine	-	-	£. 70	St. James	-	-	£. 50
Kingston	-	-	110	Hanover	-	-	50
Port-Royal	-	-	30	St. Elizabeth	-	-	50
St. Andrew	-	-	50	Clarendon	-	-	30
St. Thomas in the East	-	-	50	St. Dorothy	-	-	20
Portland	-	-	20	Vere	-	-	30
St. Ann	-	-	50	St. Thomas in the Vale	-	-	30

And it was by the said act provided, that the sum of 30*l.* should be added to the annual stipend of the rectors of the several other parishes in this island, as soon as churches should be erected within them respectively; and which several additions were in lieu and compensation of certain fees, theretofore customarily paid to the rectors, for permission to open the ground for the interment of the dead, within the churches of this island, the practice of which the said act was meant to prohibit, by imposing a penalty of 50*l.* on any rector, for each contravention thereof; and the said several sums were to be raised and paid, in the same manner as the aforesaid annual stipends were directed to be raised and paid:

That the committee must observe, that, by the aforesaid regulation of the annual stipends, those to the rectors of certain parishes were increased, and others lessened; and they beg leave to represent to the house, that the aforesaid regulations are subject to two considerable evils: First, in making the rectors in some measure dependant on the churchwardens for payment of their stipends; and secondly, by obliging each parish to pay the stipend to its rector, the small parishes are oppressed; as the tax to be assessed for the purpose falls heavy on their few inhabitants: To obviate which, your committee recommend to the house, to place the stipends of the clergy throughout the island on an equal establishment, to be paid quarterly to their order, by the receiver-general for the time being, out of any public monies in his hands; subject, however, to a certain deduction, for a particular purpose immediately to be stated by the committee:

That they beg leave to observe, that they find no fund has ever been established in this island, or provision made, for the support of the widows and orphans of such clergymen of the island as should die; and, as they conceive the establishment of such a fund would be a very great inducement, to clergymen with families to come over to this island, and from whom, on every rational principle, might be expected the more perfect performance of moral and religious duties and examples; they strongly recommend to the house to adopt a plan, whereby the receiver-general shall be authorized and required, to retain ten *per cent.* on the stipends to be allowed, under the aforesaid recommendation of the committee, to the clergy; the same to be vested in the commissioners of public accounts for the time being, to be by them lent to the public, the interest of which accumulating fund, your committee are fully persuaded will, after the expiration of a few years, be ample provision for the support and maintenance of the widows and orphans of the Jamaica clergy:

That the committee observe, that in 1681, a discretionary power was vested by law, in the justices and vestries, for laying a reasonable tax within their several pa-

rishes, for erecting churches, and repairing such as are made, and making convenient seats in them; and the said justices and vestries are respectively subjected to a penalty of 5*l.* currency, for a neglect of their duty therein; but nothing is mentioned in respect to building a dwelling-house for the rector, or establishing a burial-ground; however, in 1773, certain commissioners in each parish are nominated and appointed, for raising a sum not exceeding 500*l.* to be by them applied towards purchasing of land sufficient for erecting a church, for a burial-ground, and for a parsonage-house; but, in the act appointing those commissioners, no compulsion clause is contained, to enforce obedience to the aforesaid purposes of the act:

That the committee are of opinion, that it is highly fit and proper, for the more regular and general performance of divine worship, that a church, exclusively confined to that purpose, should be erected in every parish throughout the island, and that there should also be a parsonage-house, and a burial-ground; but, as many parishes have not the means of establishing those buildings, they ought, in the opinion of the committee, to receive some assistance from the public:

That it may be superfluous in the committee to observe to the house, that nothing can be more conducive to the preservation of the morals of the people, and have a greater tendency to the general establishment of virtue, than regular instruction in the principles and doctrines of the Christian religion; and they recur to such observation, only as the ground to recommend strongly their opinion, that, in consideration of the addition to be made to the stipends of the clergy, under the aforesaid recommendation of the committee, they should be made compellable to instruct all such free persons of colour and slaves, who may be willing to be baptized, and informed in the tenets of the Christian religion, its principles, and doctrines:

And that the committee recommend to the house, to appoint a committee, to bring in a bill to carry into effect the above purposes.

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

Bill ordered.

That Mr. Sisley, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Shaw, and Mr. Lyon, be a committee to prepare and bring in a bill, agreeably to the above report.

Annotto-Bay fort
Bill committed;

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for putting the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Grant took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Grant, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engr. fled.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for putting the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment.*"

New negro duty bill
committed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for laying a duty on all negro slaves that shall be imported into this island, from the coast of Africa, who shall be above a certain age; and for regulating the manner of ascertaining such age:

Mr.

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported that they had directed him to recommend to the house, to refer the said bill to the same committee who brought it in, to be re-considered:

Reported to be re-considered.

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ *I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor, to lay before the house a return of the regular troops in the island, in conformity to their second message of the 14th instant.*”

Message from lieutenant-governor, with return of the troops.

Ordered,

That the above message, and return, do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Sabbati, 16^o die Decembris, 1797.

THE engrossed bill for putting the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment, was read the third time:

Annotto-Bay fort bill passed.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, to whom the bill for laying a duty on all negro slaves that shall be imported into this island, from the coast of Africa, who shall be above a certain age; and for regulating the manner of ascertaining such age, was referred, to be re-considered, reported the same; which was received, and read the first time:

New negro duty bill presented.

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time this day.

Mr. Shirley, according to order, presented to the house, a bill for the better establishment

Clergy bill presented.

establishment of the clergy of this island; to oblige the justices and vestries to build a church, and a parsonage-house, in their respective parishes; and for establishing a fund or provision, for the support and maintenance of the widows and orphan children of deceased clergymen; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Monday next.

Bill to repeal 30th
Geo. III. cap. 21,
presented.

Mr. Grant, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to repeal an act entitled, "An act for appointing commissioners for purchasing a sufficient quantity of land, on the north side of the public parade in the town of St. Jago de la Vega, whereon to fix the statue of lord Rodney, and to erect one or more offices and buildings for holding and better preserving the public records;" and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Monday next.

St. Ann's parochial
tax bill presented.

Mr. Fullerton, according to order, presented to the house, a bill to enable the justices and vestry of the parish of St. Ann, to lay and assess a tax on the inhabitants of the said parish, for the recovery of a certain charitable donation; which was received, and read the first time:

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, on Monday next.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met;

New negro duty bill
read second time.

The bill for laying a duty on all negro slaves that shall be imported into this island, from the coast of Africa, who shall be above a certain age; and for regulating the manner of ascertaining such age, was read the second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be re-committed to a committee of the whole house, this day.

The house adjourned for one quarter of an hour:

And being met;

Committee on state
of the island,

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fullerton took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report 16 resolu-
tions.

Mr. Fullerton, from the committee, reported sixteen resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows.

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 80*l.* 10*s.* to Elizabeth Watson, widow of David Watson, deceased, in full for negro-hire, and for wood and water supplied a detachment of the 83d regiment, at Fort-George, as by the account presented to the house this session.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 516*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* to the treasurer of the Trelawny workhouse, in full for the hire of negroes, to supply detachments of the regulars and of the militia, in martial law, with wood, water, &c. as by the petition of the corporation of the said workhouse this session.

3. That

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 271*l.* 1*s.* to the treasurer of the St. James's workhouse, in full for the hire of negroes, in carrying provisions and baggage of the 83d regiment, as by the petition of the corporation of the said workhouse to the house this session.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 193*l.* 7*s.* 11½*d.* to the churchwardens of the parish of St. James, in full of the account presented to the house this session, for cash advanced in the public service, for the use of the regular forces.

5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to captain John Veitch, the sum of 59*l.* 3*s.* 9*d.* in full for feeding and clothing four pioneer negroes, at Fort-George; and also the sum of 49*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* for gunpowder and sundry articles furnished for the service of the said fort.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 32*l.* 10*s.* to William Finch, in full of his account for the hire of pioneers, for the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, as by his petition to the house this session.

7. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll tax bill, for paying to David Ross, the sum of 25*l.* 0*s.* 7½*d.* in full of his account, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for water supplied the Apostles-Battery; and the further sum of 12*l.* 15*s.* for the hire of a negro to attend the adjutant-general's office, as by his petition to the house this session.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 180*l.* to George Robert Johnson, in full of his account presented to the house this session, for supplying a detachment of the 13th light dragons with fire-wood.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 20*l.* to Thomas Morley, the value of a horse employed in martial law, and not returned to him, as by his petition to the house this session.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 35*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* to Elizabeth Collins, in full for the hire of a pioneer, in the service of the 17th regiment of light dragoons, as by her account presented to the house this session.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 71*l.* 15*s.* to Sarah M'Sherry, in full for the hire of pioneer negroes, for the 17th light dragoons, as by her account presented to the house this session.

12. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 35*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* to Sarah Sanders, for the hire of a pioneer negro, for the 17th light dragoons, as by her petition presented to the house this session.

13. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, to request that he will lay before the house, a return of the pioneers belonging to the public, that are attached to the several forts upon the island establishment.

14. That it be recommended to the house, to deny the prayer of the petition of the inhabitants of the parish of St. James, presented to the house this session.

15. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax

poll tax bill. for exempting from the tax on houses, such persons in the town of Bath as keep lodging houses for the sick.

16. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, in answer to his message of the 1st Dec. instant, to inform his honour that the house cannot increase the fund for the sick, the same being at least two hundred *per cent.* higher than it used to be; but that the house leave it to his honour, to order the distribution of the money, to be granted for the comforts of the sick and convalescents of the army, in any manner his lordship may think proper, either by making it an aggregate or a regimental fund.

Then Mr. Fullerton acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again :

Resolved,

That this house will again. on Monday next. resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

New deficiency bill committed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to oblige certain inhabitants of this island, to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; to establish certain regulations for increasing the strength of the militia, and the number of white inhabitants; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shirley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report deferred for six months.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, acquainted the house, that the committee had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, when the house would be pleased to receive the same:

Ordered,

That the report be received this day six months.

Ordered,

Additional clause to be printed.

That the following clause, received in the committee as an amendment to the said bill, be printed by the printer to the house; and that 100 copies thereof be furnished to the members:

“ And be it further enacted, that, in case any master, owner, or possessor, of slaves and stock. shall, at his proper cost and charges, import into this island, any family of white persons, of which one member, at least, shall be capable of serving, and become actually enrolled, in the militia of this island, within three months after their arrival, and settle them here; or shall settle any poor white family now living, or which may hereafter reside, in this island, by granting them a lease of land for a term of years, not less than twenty-one years, or for life, or any greater estate in such land, without any rent reserved (save and except the quit-rents to his majesty, his heirs and successors), in the proportion of thirty acres of land for the husband, fifteen acres for the wife, and seven acres for each child, with a house thereon in good habitable condition, and two acres thereof cleared and planted with provisions, for each member of such family; and shall pay, or cause to be paid, to them, or some person duly authorized to receive it for them, the sum of fifteen pounds *per head per annum.* so long as this act shall be in force, shall be entitled to have each and every member of such family admitted and allowed, to save deficiency
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for him or her, according to the following rates or proportions; that is, every member of such family, who is enrolled and serves in the militia, shall save deficiency for fifty slaves, or two hundred and fifty head of stock, and every other member of such family, for twenty-five slaves, or one hundred and twenty-five head of stock, the property of any such owner, master, or possessor aforesaid, for such time as this act shall continue to be in force, and after any future renewal thereof, for such further time, and under such further regulation, as shall thereby be enacted and declared; any thing herein-before enacted to the contrary hereof notwithstanding."

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for laying a duty on all negro slaves that shall be imported into this island, from the coast of Africa, who shall be above a certain age; and for regulating the manner of ascertaining such age: New negro duty bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Stewart took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Stewart, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, Reported; and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, Engrossed.
"An act for laying a duty on all negro slaves that shall be imported into this island, from the coast of Africa, who shall be above a certain age; and for regulating the manner of ascertaining such age."

Ordered,

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands committed, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Charles Douglas, superintendant of Moore-Town, in full for lodging-money for the present year. Lodging-money to Charles Douglas.

Ordered,

That the island store-keeper do forthwith lay before the house, a return of arms belonging to the island, issued between the 1st of December, 1791, and the 16th December, 1797, and to whom. Return of arms ordered.

Ordered,

That the commissioners of the board of works do direct the chandeliers to be removed from the assembly-room to the king's house, in exchange for two of a smaller size. Chandeliers to be removed.

Then the house adjourned till Monday morning next, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

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Lunæ, 18^o die Decembriæ, 1797.

New negro duty bill
passed.

THE engrossed bill for laying a duty on all negro slaves that shall be imported into this island, from the coast of Africa, who shall be above a certain age; and for regulating the manner of ascertaining such age, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Ordered,

That the two following messages be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

First message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor, respecting pioneers.

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to direct a return of the pioneers, belonging to the public, that are attached to the several forts on the island establishment, to be laid before the house."

Second message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor, respecting the sick of the army.

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to inform you, in answer to your honour's first message of the 1st December instant, that the house cannot increase the fund for the sick of the army, the same being at least two hundred per cent. higher than it was formerly; but that the house will leave it to your honour, to order the distribution of the money, to be granted for the comforts of the sick and convalescents of the army, in any manner your honour may think proper, either by making it an aggregate or a regimental fund."

Ordered,

That Mr. Thompson and Mr. Hering be a committee to wait on his honour with the above messages; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour, in answer to the first message, was pleased to say, he would give directions accordingly.

Clergy bill, read second time.

The bill for the better establishment of the clergy of this island; to oblige the justices and vestries to build a church, and a parsonage-house, in their respective parishes; and for establishing a fund or provision, for the support and maintenance of the widows and orphan children of deceased clergymen, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Bill to repeal 30th Geo. III. cap. 21, read second time.

The bill to repeal an act entitled, "An act for appointing commissioners for purchasing a sufficient quantity of land, on the north side of the public parade, in the town of St. Jago de la Vega, whereon to fix the statue of lord Rodney, and to erect one or more offices and buildings, for holding and better preserving the public records;" and for other purposes, was read a second time:

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

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The bill to enable the justices and vestry of the parish of St. Ann, to lay and assess a tax on the inhabitants of said parish, for the recovery of a certain charitable donation, was read a second time:

St. Ann's parochial tax bill, read second time.

Resolved,

That the said bill be committed to a committee of the whole house, to-morrow.

Mr. Fitch, from the committee, appointed to appropriate the grant of 4000*l.* to each county, towards carrying on and completing such internal roads of communication, as may be necessary to encourage settlers to cultivate lands at a distance from the sea, reported,

Report from road committee.

That they had taken into consideration the several petitions referred to them, and enquired into the allegations therein severally set forth, and are of opinion, that the said grant should be appropriated in the following manner:

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of Edmund Pusey Lyon, Charles Mitchell, John Townsend, John Verdon, and Francis Clark, or any three of them, towards repairing a road leading from the Cedar-Valley road, to the Conveneys, in the parish of St. Catherine.

Appropriations for Middlesex.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of Philip Redwood, Edmund Pusey Lyon, John Hutchinson Frazer, John Gardner Millward, and George Howel, or any three of them, towards repairing the road leading from the Angels plantation, in the parish of St. Catherine, across the mountains, to Tulloch estate, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of James Lewis, John Wright, Richard Reid, John Donaldson, and John Hanson the younger, or any three of them, towards repairing the road leading through the Crescent penn, in the parish of St. Catherine, into the interior of the parish of St. John.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of William Thompson, Peeke Fuller, William Ramsay, Peter Douglas, and Robert Reid, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Guanaboa, across the mountains, to Bye-Brook estate, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of William Thompson, Peeke Fuller, John Quier, Samuel Queneborough, and Peter Douglas, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from the Vale of Luidas, to Old Woman Savanna, in the parish of Clarendon.

The sum of 50*l.* to the order of Philip Redwood, John Blackburn, and Thomas Prince, towards repairing the road from Spanish-Town to St. Mary, through Burton's, New-Works, and Mickleton, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Philip Redwood, Lewis Cuthbert, William Parker, Charles Jones, and William Turner, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Hog-Hole, to Indian-River, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Lewis Cuthbert, Alexander Macleod, Robert Page, Angus McKay, and John Milligan, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Williamsfield estate, in St. Thomas in the Vale, to the boundary-line of the parish of St. Mary.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of Charles Grant, William Ross, Miles Williams, ——— Thompson, and Walter Pollock, or any three of them, towards carrying on a road from Orange-River, to doctor Page's settlement, in the parish of St. Mary.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Charles Grant, William Ross, Donald McBean, David Robertson, and Robert Leslie, or any three of them, towards repairing the

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road from Lewishburgh estate, in the parish of St. Mary, to Glengoffe, in the parish of St. Thomas in the Vale.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Charles Grant, William Rofs, Donald M'Bean, Joseph Green, and Bartholomew Waldren, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Aleppo estate, in the parish of St. Mary, to the intersection of the road from Port-Maria to Spanish-Town.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Charles Grant, William Rofs, Anthony Yeates, Donald M'Bean, and Joseph Green, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Richmond estate, in the parish of St. Mary, to the boundary-line of St. Thomas in the Vale.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of Charles Grant, William Rofs, Samuel Douglas, John M'Kay, and William Parker, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Flint-River, through Parker's Vale, and other settlements, to Donnington-Castle, in the parish of St. Mary.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Charles Grant, William Rofs, William Parker, John Neilson, and Charles Jones, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Indian-River, to Palmeto-Grove, in the parish of St. Mary.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of Charles Grant, William Rofs, William Burrowes, Walter Pollock, and William Neilson, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Mortar-Hall, to the intersection of the road from St. Thomas in the Vale to Port-Maria.

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of the honourable Alexander Fullerton, James Henry, William Voce, Richard Wollaston, and John Scarlett, or any three of them, towards carrying on the road from St. Ann's Bay to Winefield pen.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of the honourable Alexander Fullerton, James Henry, James Dick, Richard Wollaston, and William Voce, or any three of them, towards carrying on the road from St. Ann's Bay to Pedro-River.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of John Henckell, George Atkinson, George M'Kenzie, Arthur M'Kenzie, and William Thompson, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Ludlow estate, in the parish of Clarendon, to the Vale of Luidas.

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of John Henckell, George Atkinson, William Thompson, Joseph Israell, John Wigan May, Alexander Falconer, and Rowland Williams Fearon, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Cave-River, through Bog-Hole, in the parish of Clarendon.

The sum of 250*l.* to the order of Thomas Anderson, Dutton Smith Turner, William Thompson, John Henckell, Kean Osborn, James Mitchell, and James Craggs, or any three of them, towards carrying on a road from Salt-River, in the parish of Vere, through the cockpit lands.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Thomas Anderson, Dutton Smith Turner, Adam Smith, John Anderson, and Francis Farquhar, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Milk-River, to the parish of St. Elizabeth, over Plowden-Hill.

Appropriations for
Surrey.

The sum of 500*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Sturley, Thomas Cockburn, George Fuller, William Burke senior, and Thomas Oakley, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from the Bath road, through Old Nanny-Town, to the Swift-River road.

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of Charles Bryan, George Fuller, Edward Manning Paplay, George Minot junior, and Peter Anderson, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Turtle-Crawle, through Cambridge, to Egg-Hill, in the parish of Portland.

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The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Thomas Oakley, William Burke junior, William Galloway, William Grant, and Charles Douglass, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Sandy-River, to Seaman's Valley, in the parish of Portland.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of Robert Paterfon, William Paterfon, James Porteous, James M^cGibbon, and William Walker, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Clarke's River, to Bath, and to Port-Antonio.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of William Lumsden, Martin M^cEachern, Robert Wills, John Burke, and John Drysdale, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Bath, through M^cEachern's plantation, to join the Port-Antonio road.

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of Robert Telfer, John Halstead, John Cherrington, Richard Croasdaile, and James Harriott, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Yallah's River, to Stoney-Valley River, in the parish of St. David.

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of Robert Telfer, Andrew Deans, William Vick, Samuel Delpratt, and William Kerr, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Llandewy plantation, to the tenth mile-stone, on the windward road.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Shirley, Michael de Gournay, Lewis de Goute, Peter Churnside, and John King, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Shirley's penn, to the intersection of the Swift-River road.

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Shirley, James Smith, John Baptiste Corberand, James Forfyth, and Swain Lungren, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Cedar-Valley to Tranquillity plantation.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Thomas Cockburn, David Sheriff, James M^cDonald, Dominick Walsh, and William Cumming, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Fox's plantation to the foot of the hill in the parish of St. George.

The sum of 500*l.* to the order of the honourable Henry Shirley, John Murdoch, George Cofens, Henry Russell, and James C. Colthirst, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Eden plantation to Silver-Hill.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of Samuel Whitehorne Barnett, John Woolfrys, Bernard la Gourgue, Bryan Hall, and George Riches, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Tranquillity plantation to Hope-River.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of Robert Jackson, James Silburn, Joseph Boyden, — Tate, and Daniel Salt, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Yallah's River to Silburn's gate.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable John Jaques, James Laing, James Cubbison, John Beveridge, and Henry Stanley, or any three of them, towards repairing the road from Lucky-Valley and Dallas-Castle to Kingston harbour.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the reverend Thomas Warren, Charles Rowe, Robert Glasgow, Hyem Cohen, and Alexander Girdwood, or any three of them, towards completing the Chesterfield road, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Charles Rowe, Robert Glasgow, William Webb, Isaac Allen, and Alexander Girdwood, or any three of them, towards completing the Elderfley road, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the reverend Thomas Warren, John White, Robert Glasgow, James Davy, and John Davy, or any three of them, towards completing the Mile-Gully road, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

Appropriations for
Cornwall.

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The sum of 200*l.* to the order of John White, John Griffiths, William Kellet Hewit, Richard Boucher, and Duncan Stewart, or any three of them, towards completing the road over Mayday-Hill, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable John Mowat, John Perry, Thomas David Bernard, Philip Anglin Scarlett, and George McLenan, or any three of them, towards completing the Chesterfield road, in the parish of St. James.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of the honourable John Mowat, John Perry, Samuel Vaughan junior, Richard Heath, and Isaac Lascelles Winn, or any three of them, towards completing the Elderley road in the parish of St. James.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of the honourable John Mowat, John Perry, Richard Heath, Samuel Vaughan junior, and William Houghton Tharp, or any three of them, towards completing the road lately opened from the neighbourhood of Springfield estate, across the Chesterfield road, and to the bridge at Great-River barracks.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of James Stewart, John Beaufin Irving, James Irving (of the Alps), Edward Knowles, and Philip Dogherty, or any three of them, towards completing the road from the settlement called the Alps, in the parish of Trelawny, leading to Hector's River, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

The sum of 400*l.* to the order of the honourable James Irving, James Stewart, James Galloway, Basil Cowper, and Hugh Barnett, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Biddeford estate, in the parish of Trelawny, to the intersection of the line of St. Ann's, commonly called Foss's road.

£ 200. The sum of ~~400*l.*~~ to the order of the honourable James Irving, James Stewart, James Scarlett junior, Edward Knowles, and James McGhie, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Cuniffe's pen, in Trelawny, leading to One-Eye estate, in the parish of St. Elizabeth.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of William Ricketts Johnson, David Finlayson, honourable George Murray, John Graham, and James Macintosh, or any three of them, towards completing the road from the Frame, in the parish of Westmorland, over the hills above Dean's Valley to Carpenter's Hill, in the said parish of Westmorland.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of William Ricketts Johnson, David Finlayson, honourable George Murray, Philip Pincock, and Samuel Delap, or any three of them, towards completing the road leading from St. Elizabeth's line, through Cal-loden, Ackendown, and Robin's River, to Little-River, in the parish of Westmorland.

The sum of 100*l.* to the order of William Ricketts Johnson, David Finlayson, Samuel Jeffries, Christopher William Hutchinson, and Patrick Spence, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Parker's Bay, to Lenox plantation, commonly called the Bogue road, in the parish of Westmorland.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of William Ricketts Johnson, David Finlayson, John Graham, James Stewart, and James Ferguson, or any three of them, towards completing the road leading through Darliston and Lenox plantations, in the parish of Westmorland, to the line of St. Elizabeth.

The sum of 150*l.* to the order of William Ricketts Johnson, David Finlayson, John Graham, Fyffe Elletson King, and William Fyffe, or any three of them, towards completing the road from the Hanover line, through Bull-Head pen, to Blackness, in the parish of Westmorland.

The sum of 200*l.* to the order of Richard Houghton Reid, Thomas Reid junior, William Hudson, George Kerr, and Simon Fleming Begg, or any three of them, towards

towards completing the road from the bridge over Great-River, near the barracks, into the old barrack road, to the line dividing the parishes of Westmorland and Hanover.

The sum of 300*l.* to the order of Richard Haughton Reid, William Hudson, Robert Scarlett, Colin Campbell, and John Willey, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Chigwell pen, to Carpenter's Hill, in the parish of Hanover.

And the sum of 300*l.* to the order of Richard Haughton Reid, William Virgo Clarke, George Gray, Edmund Finucane, and Thomas Minto, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Richmond Vale estate, by Aurora, in the parish of Hanover, and leading to Bull-Head pen, in the parish of Westmorland.

And that the committee recommend to the house, to direct the receiver-general not to pay any orders which may be drawn on him, in virtue of the above grants, unless the same shall be drawn at the foot of accounts for work done and performed, since the making such grants, and duly attested, on oath, to that effect :

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report :

Ordered,

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause or clauses, agreeably to the above report.

Mr. Perry. from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

Report from committee of accounts.

That they had taken into consideration several other petitions, and examined sundry other accounts, which were referred to them, and are of opinion, that the following persons should be paid the sums set opposite their respective names :

Richard Main, 86*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* for fresh beef supplied a detachment of the St. George's militia, in martial law :

Donald Campbell, captain of Fort-Montego, 287*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* for pay due him ; for the hire of pioneer negroes to attend a detachment of the 17th light dragoons ; for clothing supplied the black shot attached to Fort-Montego, and for sundry disbursements for the said fort : The committee are of opinion, that the charge of 20*l.* for a negro employed as cook for the detachment of artillery, should not be allowed :

Ditto, 192*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for keeping clean the arms in the arsenal at Montego-Bay, and for disbursements in repairing such arms, and also the public field-pieces :

Doctor Alexander Watt, 42*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* for the hire of negroes, as pioneers in the service of the 83d regiment :

William Ross, captain of Fort-Haldane, 103*l.* for the hire of a white man to take care of the magazine, and for the hire and maintenance of two negroes, to work the guns and keep the barrack and buildings clean and in order : The committee submit to the consideration of the house, the prayer of the petitioner, to be allowed a greater number for such purposes :

Ditto, 121*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for one year's pay as captain of Fort-Haldane :

James Dismore Pinnock, commanding Fort-Lindsay, 171*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for one year's pay and lodging-money, to 31st December instant :

Isaac Lafcelles Winn, 35*l.* for an account of James Thompson, against him, for painting the Montego-Bay barracks, under the direction of the said Isaac Lafcelles Winn, as a commissioner thereof :

John Benzie, 17*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* for sundry articles of refreshment furnished detach-

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ments of the 17th and 20th light dragoons, while on service in the last martial law:

Jeremiah Black, 45*l*. 15*s*. for making up cloathing for sixty confidential slaves, during the maroon rebellion:

John Pinder, 95*l*. 2*s*. 1*d* for the hire of negroes in the public service, and for grafs supplied the troops at Montego-Bay, in the last martial law: The committee have deducted from his accounts, 11*l*. 3*s*. not properly certified:

James McDermot, 18*l*. 10*s*. for the hire of pioneers for the 3d regiment of Irish brigade:

James Stewart, deputy-marshal, 167*l*. 1*s*. 6½*d* for the maintenance of prisoners in Savanna-la-Mar gaol: The committee have deducted 104*l*. 8*s*. 4*d*. charged for irons and for negro keepers, &c.

Simon Adolphus, 22*l*. 10*s*. for taking care of the island coach:

George Fletcher Coward, 163*l*. 1*s*. 6*d*. for the maintenance of prisoners in the gaols of St. James and Trelawny: The committee have deducted 7*l*. 15*s*. overcharged:

Philip Auglin Scarlett, 56*l*. 2*s*. 1*d*. for fundries furnished in martial law, by order of the St. James's public commissioners:

George Atkinson, secretary of the island, 563*l*. 15*s*. for recording and attesting laws, and for other business incidental to his office:

William McRobbie, 9*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. for the hire of pioneers for the 5th regiment of Irish brigade:

Alexander Aikman, printer to the house, 288½*l*. 8*s*. 6*d*. for printing laws, and for various other business:

John Welsh, captain of Fort-Small, 114*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. for the hire and maintenance of two negroes, to take care of the buildings at the said fort:

Stevenfon and Aikman, survivors of David Dickson, 133*l*. 15*s*. and 111*l*. 6*s*. 10*d*. for fundry printing business:

Thomas Stevenfon, executor of David Dickson, deceased, 230*l*. 6*s*. 3*d*. for fundry printing business:

James Fannin, 214*l*. for fundry printing business:

Hugh Frazer, deputy-marshal, 182*l*. 18*s*. 2*d*. for the maintenance of prisoners in the county-gaol of Surrey, and for fundry expences relative thereto:

Alexander Clackar, acting island assistant surgeon of 83d regiment, 73*l*. 3*s*. 10*d*. for hospital expenditures:

Robert Thomson, 84*l*. 6*s*. 2*d*. for the hire of wains, carts, drays, and wherries, in removing army baggage:

Justices and vestry of Westmorland, 132*l*. 15*s*. for fire-wood furnished the 13th regiment of light dragoons, by Layton Smith:

Officers of the 83d regiment, 233*l*. 11*s*. 8*d*. for lodging-money: The committee have deducted the sums charged for lodging-money for the island ensigns, they not doing duty with the regiment:

Major Browne, of 13th light dragoons, 547*l*. 10*s*. for the expence of twelve pioneers for the said regiment, from 18th December, 1796, to 18th December, 1797:

John Spens Munro, 96*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. for water supplied the troops at Fort-Augusta and the Apostles-Battery, in 1796:

Benjamin Tennison, 128*l*. for water supplied the 13th regiment of light dragoons, at Fort-Charlotte:

Commanding officer 63d regiment, 105*l*. for clothing pioneers belonging to the country, attached to the said regiment:

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William Tomlinson, 472*l.* 17*s.* 1½*d.* for sundry supplies for the 62d regiment, in Westmorland:

William Tomlinson, 88*l.* 6*s.* 2½*d.* for sundry disbursements made for his majesty's troops:

John Henry Schroeter, captain of Fort-Balcarres, 218*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for pay as captain and as barrack-master; for clothing of black shot attached to the said fort, and for sundry disbursements: The committee have deducted 38*l.* 5*s.* 2½*d.* for repairs to the barrack, the same being cognizable by the board of works, and rejected by them:

That the committee had examined the accounts of John Newland, for water and market-boats supplied his majesty's troops at Fort-Charles and Fort Augusta, and are of opinion, that he should be paid the sum of 677*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* the amount of his account against Fort-Charles: But the committee submit to the consideration of the house the account against Fort-Augusta, the same not distinguishing the quantity of water, and the boats, furnished for the use of his majesty's white troops, doing duty there:

That they had also taken into consideration the account of James Baker, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 7th December instant, for boats supplied the 6th West-India regiment, at Fort-Augusta, and recommend to the house, to refuse payment of the same:

That the committee have taken into consideration the petition of James Galloway, and enquired into the allegations therein set forth, and find, that the sum of 600*l.* and interest from 20th November, 1795, was directed to be paid to him under the poll tax law of last year, as the value of five negro slaves, on his executing a sufficient title to the king, for the said negroes; and, as the said James Galloway is incapable of procuring a title for one of the said negroes, recommend to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for rescinding the afore-said grant, and directing the receiver-general to pay to the said James Galloway, the sum of 480*l.* and interest from 20th November, 1795, on his executing a good and sufficient title to his majesty, for the negroes named John, Duncan, Peter, and Cornwallis, received and retained among the black shot; and the further sum of 40*l.* as the hire of a negro named Smart, received among the black shot, and returned for want of a title:

That they had also taken into consideration the petitions of doctors James Drummond and Alexander Rose, praying payment of accounts for medicines furnished his majesty's troops, and are of opinion, that the prayer thereof should be denied:

And that the committee had also taken into consideration the accounts of Malcolm, Paterson, and company, presented to the house on the 23d November last, for sundry articles supplied the Lucea barracks, and the 17th light dragoons, and are of opinion, that payment thereof should be refused.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, appointed to superintend the Botanic Gardens, reported,

Report from committee of Botanic Gardens.

That they had lately visited the Liguanea Garden, under the care of Mr. Wiles, and had there inspected the situation and progress of that establishment:

That they found, that bread-fruit, and other valuable plants, had been distributed by Mr. Wiles, since their last meeting, to the number of 2059, agreeably to sundry orders of the members of this committee, entered in the garden book; and that there are now such numbers prepared for distribution, that they may be disposed of at all times henceforward, on giving one month's notice:

That

That the committee have the pleasure of stating to the house, that Mr. Wiles laid before them a letter from sir Joseph Banks, informing him, that Mr. C. Smith had been sent from Calcutta to the Spice Islands, to take charge of and preserve all such spices, or other useful and valuable plants, as he shall find; and expressing his hopes, that the West-India islands should participate in the collection:

That Mr. Wiles has received a collection of plants from W. D. Quarrell, esquire, and such directions have been given respecting their culture in a cool situation, as the committee thought best adapted to them:

That the true cinnamon, and several other valuable plants, have also been imported from England, under the care of a brother of Mr. Wiles, of which this island will benefit in due time: Captain Matthews, of his majesty's ship Maidstone, has also favoured the garden with some valuable importations; and the committee see with pleasure, an increasing contribution to this establishment: They beg leave to lay before the house, a pamphlet transmitted to his lordship the commander in chief, by his grace the duke of Portland, which has been delivered to the chairman of this committee, relative to the culture of the clove tree; and the committee propose to write to the agent, to procure from Mr. Buée, some of the young plants, for which they have in hand a sufficient sum, from the savings of the last years:

That the committee have hereto annexed the state of the garden accounts, and report, that they have found the garden in the best order, and that Mr. Wiles continues to conduct the same with economy, care, and attention.

<i>Dr. Account of the BOTANIC GARDEN in LIGUANEA, for sundry grants,</i>			
To amount of contingent account, and expences of the year, presented to the house in session 1794	-	-	741 16 9
To amount of contingencies, and expences of the year, laid before the house in session 1795	-	-	714 16 9
To amount of contingencies, and expences of the year, laid before the house in session 1796	-	-	739 7 3
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1797,			2196 0 9
Jan.	To expences paid on the meeting at the garden, 12th ult.		
	as per Birch and Fisher's account	-	34 0 5
Mar. 31.	Paid James Wiles one quarter's salary	-	112 5 0
June 30.	Paid James Wiles one quarter's ditto	-	112 5 0
Sept. 30.	Paid ditto one quarter's ditto	-	112 5 0
Dec. 3.	Paid ditto his contingent account	-	73 7 8
	Paid for this year's supplies of negro clothing, tools, &c. per account	-	103 19 2
	Paid expences of the meeting, per account	-	33 6 10
31.	Paid James Wiles one quarter's salary	-	112 5 0
	Paid ditto one year's attendance and care of the nursery at Bath, and travelling expences	-	100 0 0
	To balance of this account, carried to the credit of the Botanic Garden for the year 1798	-	210 5 2
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[For an extract of the pamphlet on the culture of the Clove-Tree, mentioned in the above report, vide the end of the appendix.]

Ordered,

That the above two reports be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

The house being informed, that the island store-keeper attended at the door, he was called in; and, at the bar, presented to the house, according to order, a return of arms belonging to the island, issued between the first day of December, 1791, and the 16th December, 1797, and to whom:

And then he withdrew; and the same being read, is as follows:

Return of ARMS and ACCOUTREMENTS issued from the island stores, between the 1st November, 1791, and the 16th December, 1797.

		U N E L S.			
		Black sea for arms, with ac- countments.	Bright Engly	Bright French and Spanish.	Cabines, with fabrics, and ac- countments.
To whom issued, or where sent.					Pistols, pairs.
1791, November and December.	St. Catherine's regiment, 1st battalion	-	448		
	Ditto, ditto, 2d ditto	-	250		
	St. Andrew's ditto	-	222		
	Kingston ditto	-	1100		
	St. Thomas in the East and St. David's regiment	150	400		
	St. George's regiment	150			
	St. Mary's ditto	400			
	St. Ann's ditto	-	275		
	Trelawny ditto	-	450		
	St. James's ditto	-	500		
	Hanover ditto	150			
	Westmorland ditto	-	300		
	St. Elizabeth's ditto	-	175		
	Clarendon ditto	-	150		
	St. Catherine's troop	-	40		
	Portland regiment	-	125		
	Port Royal ditto	-	250		
	St. Andrew's ditto	-		128	
	Vere ditto	-		300	
	St. Catherine's ditto. 3d battalion	-		250	
1792.	Western division of horse	-		60	
	Clarendon troop	-		20	
	Eastern division of horse	-		240	
	May. 7. Westmorland troop of ditto	-			25
	Joseph Tharp, esquire	-			1
	21. Westmorland troop	-			30
	Dec. 6. Eastern division of horse	-			100
	Western ditto	-			100
	John Lewis, esquire	-			2
	24. St. Andrew's troop	-			20
	St. George's ditto	-			40

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1793,					
Mar. 11.	His honour the lieutenant governor	-	-		
April 19.	St. Catherine's regiment, 1st battalion		24	29	7
	St. Mary's windward troop	-			40
May 1.	Eastern division of horse	-			140
	His majesty's office of ordnance re-paid	-	850		200
	Midland division of horse	-			
June 7.	Scott's Hall maroons	-		7	
	Major-general Mitchell	-		6	
July 5.	St. Mary's light horse	-			50
	Messieurs L'Oppinot and Charmilly	-			33
Oct. 5.	Shipped for Jeremie	-			30
	Duke of Clarence's troop	-			30
Dec. 5.	Western division of horse	-			30
1794.					
Feb. 3.	Charles-Town maroons	-		1	
Mar. 1.	Monfieur Cadufsch	-			1
May 21.	Scott's Hall maroons	-		6	
Sept. 16.	Government penn	-		1	
Dec. 3.	Clarendon regiment	-	280		
	Accompong-Town maroons	-	40		
1795.					
Jan. 5.	Government penn	-		2	
	His majesty's service at St. Domingo	-	1000		
April 29.	Government mountain	-			1
June 3.	Eastern division of horse	-			20
Aug. 2.	St. Catherine's regiment, 2d battalion	-	60		
	Ditto, 3d ditto	-	50		
	Vere regiment	-	200		
	St. Catherine's ditto, 1st ditto	-	6		
	Shipped on the Lively for Montego-Bay	-	300		
	St. Mary's regiment	-	100		
	Major-general Taylor, for Surrey district	-	500		
	St. Ann's regiment	-	150		
	St. Catherine's ditto, 3d battalion	-	25		
Sept. 12.	Ditto artillery company	-	14		
	Westmorland regiment	-	150		
	St. Catherine's ditto, 1st battalion	-	16		
Oct. 9.	Detachment of 20th regiment of foot, ordered to Montego-Bay	-	79		
	Clarendon regiment	-	30		
Sept. 30.	18th light dragoons	-	61		
Nov. 19.	St. Catherine's regiment, 1st battalion	-	33		
Dec. 21.	Ditto, 2d battalion	-	15		
1796.					
Jan. 18.	His majesty's 49th regiment, ordered to Montego-Bay	-	30		
Feb. 1.	St. Catherine's regiment, 1st battalion	-	11		
	Ditto, 2d ditto	-	20		
April 1.	Government penn	-	2		
Nov. 21.	St. Catherine's regiment, 1st battalion	-	50		
Dec. 15.	Honourable John Scott	-	100		
1797.					
Jan. 24.	Kingston regiment	-	420		
Aug. 17.	St. George's ditto	-	140		40
Sept. 20.	Midland division of horse	-			220
	St. Ann's light horse	-			50
	Western division of horse	-			80
	Eastern ditto	-			50
Nov. 8.	St. Catherine's regiment, 1st battalion	-	40		45
	Clarendon light dragoons	-			20
	William Ricketts Johnson, esquire	-			1
Dec. 13.	Honourable George Murray	-			
	Capt. Barnett's company	-	40		
Total issues			686	4718	1017
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Return of ARMS received into, and issued out of, the island stores, between the 1st November, 1791, and 16th December, 1797.

	Flint: buffes.	MUSKETS.				Pistols, pairs.
		Black sea service, with accoutrements.	Bright English.	Bright French and Spanish.	Carbines, with pouches, belts, and accoutrements, &c.	
1791.						
Sept. 1. Remained in store	-	-	1093	133		
Dec. 20. Borrowed from his majesty's office of ordnance	-	850	3625	998		
1792. Received from Stephen Fuller, esquire, the agent	-	5000			900	
1797.						
June 30. Received from Robert Sewell, esquire, the agent	-	50			1000	1000
	50	5850	4718	1131	1900	1000
Issued	-	5686	4718	1017	1406	438
1797, Dec. 16. Remain this day in store	-	50	164	114	494	562

N. B. There were 1000 stand of arms also issued from his majesty's office of ordnance, and sent to Montego-Bay, by order of lord Balcarres, (the greater part of which are now in the possession of captain Campbell, of Fort-Montego), during the maroon war. The 114 French and Spanish arms, specified in the above return, are unserviceable, but the rest in good order.

Spanish-Town, 16th December, 1797.

ADAM DOLMAGE, island store-keeper.

Ordered,

That the above return do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fullerton took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Fullerton, from the committee, reported fifty-one resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 235^l 13s. 4d. to William Mitchell, or his representative, for fundry articles furnished, and disbursements made, in the public service, during the late martial law, as by his petition to the house this session.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 100^l. to doctor Samuel Bell, for two years attendance on, and medicines furnished, the poor prisoners in the county-gaol of Cornwall, as by his petition to the house this session.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 57^l. 15s. to George Abrams Shaw, for the hire of a cart and mule, in the service of the 62^d regiment, as by his petition to the house this session.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 113^l. 5s. to John Henderson, or his representative,

tative, for the hire of boats and waggons, in the service of the 3d and 5th regiments of Irish brigade, and for wharfage of sundry articles belonging to the said regiments; also for water supplied the Apostles-Battery, as by his petition to the house this session; and the further sum of 17*o*l. 16*s*. 8*d*. for freight, wharfage, and wainage, of arms and ammunition belonging to the country, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 145*l*. to John Spencer, for the hire of waggons, to convey from Spanish-Town to Port-Henderson, convalescent soldiers and army-baggage, as by his petition to the house this session.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 19*l*. 10*s*. to James Grant, a maroon officer of Charles-Town, for sundries supplied a party of militia, when at Charles-Town; and for a saddle lost by him when ordered to Kingston, as by his account presented to the house this session.

7. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 38*l*. to major-general Bowyer, or his representative, for island pay and lodging-money, as major general on the staff establishment of this island, as by his memorial sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last; and also the sum of 17*l*. 10*s*. to Captain campbell, aid-du-camp to general Bowyer, for island pay and lodging-money in such capacity, as by his memorial sent down to the house in the same message.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 58*l*. 11*s*. 1*d*. to doctor Patrick Mitchell, for the balance of a hospital account for the 63d regiment, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's fifth message of the 3d August last; but that this allowance shall not be considered as a precedent, the same being made in consideration of the peculiar circumstances stated in the memorial of doctor Mitchell, accompanying his said account.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to refuse payment of the account of lieutenant-colonel M'Dermot, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 10th November last, for grafs for a cart horse.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 100*l*. to doctors Brodbelt and Lee, for one year's salary as physicians to the county-gaol of Middlesex.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 731*l*. 0*s*. 10*d*. to Martha Thomas, in full of her several accounts, annexed to her petition to the house this session, for the hire of negroes as pioneers, in the service of different regiments of his majesty's troops in Kingston.

12. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 68*l*. 15*s*. to the treasurer of the Kingston work-house, for the hire of negroes, as pioneers in the service of his majesty's troops, as by the account annexed to the petition of Martha Thomas to the house this session; and the further sum of 94*l*. 5*s*. for the hire of negroes employed in drawing water for the said troops, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

13. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-

poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 305^l. 2s. 4d. to the order of Nicholas Lechmere, esquire, in full of sundry accounts, for making gun-carriages for the Kingston militia, in martial law, as by the petition of David Aird and others, to the house this session.

14. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 32^l 7s. 6d. to John Christie, executor of David McHardie, in full of the account annexed to his petition to the house this session, for sundry printing business.

15. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 136^l. 10s. to John M'Donald, for the hire of carts and mules, in the service of the fourth battalion of the 60th regiment, as by his petition to the house this session.

16. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 351^l. 9s. 7d. to the commanding officer of the 13th regiment of light dragoons, in full of two contingent accounts of the said regiment, sent down to the house in a message by his honour the lieutenant-governor this session.

17. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 231^l. 10s. 1¹/₂d. to Cuninghame, Fergusson, and company, in full of their account, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last, for sundry articles supplied the ordnance department.

18. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 7^l. 15s. to William Edmondstone, for fundries supplied the armory at Spanish-Town, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

19. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 45^l. to Robert Pitcairn, for making arm- chests, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

20. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 486^l. 8s. 6d. to the commanding officer of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, in full of the contingent account of the said regiment, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

21. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 435^l. 16s. 2d. to the officers of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, in full of the lodging-money account, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

22. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 322^l. 18s. 10³/₄d. to the officers of the royal artillery, in full of the lodging-money account, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

23. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 22^l. 6s. 8d. to the honourable James Jones, for the wainage of arms belonging to the country, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

24. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 12*g*l. *cs.* 10*d.* to the commanding officer of the 63d regiment, in full of the contingent account of the said regiment, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

25. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the officers of the 63d regiment, the sums set opposite their respective names, in the account of lodging-money, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last, except the sum charged for Hugh Clough, as island hospital mate, he receiving it in another capacity.

26. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 20*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* to James Dean, for freight and wharfage, and the hire of negroes in the service of His majesty's troops, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

27. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 33*l.* to Mark Howard, for the hire of wains, for conveying from place to place, convalescent soldiers, army baggage, and articles of ordnance as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

28. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll tax bill, for paying the sum of 8*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* to John Davidson, for wharfage of fundry articles belonging to the 17th light dragoons, as by the account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

29. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 57*l.* 9*s.* 5½*d.* to the commanding officer of the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, in full of the contingent account of the said regiment, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

30. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 102*l.* to lieutenant-colonel M'Murdo, deputy quarter-master-general to the forces in this island, for island pay and lodging-money to 30th November last, as by his petition sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November.

31. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 20*l.* to lieutenant Walter Johnson, in full for lodging-money, as military secretary to his honour the commander in chief, to the 1st November last, as by his petition sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November.

32. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll tax bill, for paying the sum of 182*l.* 10*s.* to major Augustus Gould, in full for the usual allowance as barrack-master, to the 1st December instant; and the further sum of 63*l.* in full for island pay and lodging money to the same time, as by his petitions sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

33. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 43*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to John Morison, for lodgings furnished a detachment of the 62d regiment, at Savanna-la-Mar, as by his petition to the house this session.

34. That

34. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 125*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* to the commanding officer of 83d regiment, in full of the contingent account of the said regiment, sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 15th November last.

35. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 18*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to John Mitchell, for sundry articles supplied the Trelawny militia, in martial law, as by his petition to the house this session.

36. That it be recommended to the house, to refuse payment of the account of Phoenix-Park pen, presented to the house this session, containing sundry charges against the 17th regiment of light dragoons.

37. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 12*l.* 10*s.* to Colin Thompson, for gunpowder furnished the St. James's militia, as by his petition to the house this session.

38. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 500*l.* to Adam Dolmage, island store-keeper, as his salary.

39. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to Andrew Rofs, captain of the Apostles-Battery, the sum of 6*s.* 8*d.* *per diem*; and the further sum of 100*l.* *per annum*, for providing a boat and negroes for the use of the said battery.

40. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 800*l.* to the order of the committee, to be appointed to inspect the Botanic Gardens of this island, for the further support of the Liguanea Botanic Garden, for the ensuing year.

41. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 200*l.* to the clerk of the committee for inspecting the Botanic Gardens, in full for salary, travelling charges, and expences, for the present year.

42. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee to inspect the Botanic Gardens, during the recess of the assembly:

Ordered, That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Redwood, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Christie, Mr. Hering, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. R. Rofs, Mr. Thompson, Mr. P. Fuller, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Macleod, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Turner, Mr. Murray, Mr. Swaby, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Henry, Mr. Grant, Mr. W. Rofs, Mr. Irving, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Perry, Mr. Reid, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Bryan, Mr. G. Fuller, Mr. Deans, and Mr. Telfer, be a committee for that purpose.

43. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for authorizing and directing the receiver-general forthwith to remit the sum of 10,000*l.* sterling to Robert Sewell, esquire, agent for the island, on account of the 5000 stand of arms, and other articles, ordered to be purchased by him for the use of the public.

44. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 100*l.* to the order of the commissioners of the Bath of St. Thomas the Apostle, for the hire of an over-keeper to superintend the negroes belonging to the bath.

45. That

45. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 200*l.* to the order of doctor Thomas Dancer, for his care of the Botanic Garden at the Bath of St. Thomas the Apostle.

46. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commissioners of the Bath of St. Thomas the Apostle, the sum of 100*l.* for the purpose of cloathing and supplying the negroes belonging to the said bath, with salted provisions, and provisions for the sick, and tools for the use of the Botanic Garden; and the further sum of 200*l.* for the hire of a white gardener, and for negro labour, to cultivate the garden.

47. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to William Frazer, island engineer, the sum of 10*s.* *per* day, in lieu of travelling and contingent charges, incurred by him in that capacity, from the 1st January, to 31st December, 1797; also the usual island subsistence and lodging-money, at 50*l.* *per annum.*

48. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 27*4l.* 15*s.* to the order of the honourable the council, to compensate the loss to their officers, in consequence of the passing the general privilege act, in favour of people of colour, and negroes of free condition, being Christians.

49. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 25*l.* to Thomas Wills, for his care of the pew in the church, for the exclusive use of the members of the assembly, and for the hire of a servant to attend the house for the present year.

50. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commander in chief, a sum not exceeding 416*l.* for the hire of thirty-two negro pioneers, for the use of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, or for paying the fees of slaves which may be taken from the workhouses to serve as pioneers, as directed by an act to enable his honour Adam Williamson, esquire, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to take slaves from the workhouses, for certain purposes, and on certain conditions.

51. That it be recommended to the house, to refer his honour the lieutenant-governor's messages of the 3d August, and the 8th November last, and the papers therewith severally sent, relative to the maroons at Halifax, to a special committee, and that the said committee do report their opinion thereon to the house, to-morrow:

Ordered,

That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Frazer, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. Hering, and Mr. Grant, be a committee for that purpose.

Then Mr. Fullerton acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved,

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Motion for a road grant.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 300*l.* to the order of the honourable Alexander Fullerton, Lewis Cuthbert, James Henry, Samuel Riisby Whitehorne, and John Hutchinson, or any three of them,

them, towards completing the road from Kelly's penn to Simpson's gate, in the parish of St. Ann;

Ordered,

That the above resolution do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 350*l.* to the order of the honourable Alexander Fullerton, James Henry, Charles Steer, Samuel Kirby Whitehorne, and John Simpson, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Simpson's gate to Chippenham-Park, in the parish of St. Ann;

Another.

Ordered,

That the above resolution do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 350*l.* to the order of the honourable Alexander Fullerton, James Henry, James Fullerton, George Throckmorth, James Synn, James Davidson, and Thomas Walker, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Chippenham-Park, in the parish of St. Ann, to the confines of Trelawny;

Another.

Ordered,

That the above resolution do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Ordered,

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 100*l.* to Thomas Willis, to provide two handsome cloths and a cushion, for the speaker's tables.

Cloths for the speaker's tables ordered.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Atkman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Martis, 19^o die Decembris, 1797.

Prayers. ORDERED,

That the following message be sent to the council:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

"We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the first amendment proposed by your honours to the bill entitled, 'An act to regulate the militia;

Message to council on militia bill.

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to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes respecting the said militia; and have amended the bill accordingly; and that they disagree to the second and third amendments proposed by your honours to the said bill, and do adhere to their bill.

Ordered,

That Mr. Henry, Mr. Christie, Mr. Turner, Mr. Deans, and Mr. Jaques, be a committee to carry the above message, and also the engrossed bills of Friday and Saturday last, and of yesterday, to the council, and desire their concurrence to the bills; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Report from committee for printing journals.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, appointed to collect and revise the minutes of the house, from the earliest records of its proceedings, and to cause the same to be printed under their inspection, after the manner of the Journals of the House of Commons, reported,

That, agreeably to their last report made to the house, they directed transcripts of the minutes to be taken, from the year 1750 to the year 1764, whereby an expence of 334*l.* has been incurred; and, if the house shall think proper to proceed with the work, which the committee would recommend, it will be necessary to have them transcribed to a later period:

That they likewise directed the printer to engage some person to make an index to the second volume, and fixed on the sum of 200*l.* as an adequate compensation for the same; but it having been represented to them, by the petition of Edward Bowes, who undertook the compilation thereof, that it has been attended with much more labour, study, and attention, than he was aware of, they therefore recommend that the further sum of 200*l.* be allowed him:

That the house is apprized, that the materials for the first volume were to be procured from the plantation-office, Whitehall, where the colonial records are deposited; but, contrary to the expectation of the committee, they have not been able to obtain any satisfactory information of the necessary steps having been taken to procure them; for doing which, the committee will forthwith adopt such measures as appear most proper:

That the second volume having been delivered during the session of 1706, the third and fourth volumes, comprising a period of twenty-six years, and carrying down the proceedings to the year 1756, have been printed, and in like manner delivered to the members; but being still incomplete, until the necessary indexes are framed and annexed to them, they would recommend, that the sum of 4000*l.* be granted to their order, on account of the general expences of the work, and that provision be made for the other expences set forth in the annexed statement.

To be provided for, as by the annexed report:

Comparing minutes from 1709 to 1750, mentioned in last year's report, but not provided for	-	-	-	-	118	4	2
Cash paid Mr. Sherlock, on account of the index	-	-	-	-	30	0	0
Paper, &c. furnished for copies of the minutes and index, per account	-	-	-	-	49	3	4
Copies of minutes, from 1750 to 1764	-	-	-	-	334	0	0
Index to 2d volume, 170 <i>l.</i> and 200 <i>l.</i>	-	-	-	-	370	0	0
Mr. Aikman, on account of printing	-	-	-	-	4000	0	0
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Resolved,

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the report:

Ordered,

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 4901*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* to the order of the said committee, or any two of them, agreeably to the above report.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for the better establishment of the clergy of this island; to oblige the justices and vestries to build a church, and a parsonage-house, in their respective parishes; and for establishing a fund or provision, for the maintenance and support of the widows and orphan children of deceased clergymen: Clergy bill committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house: Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for the better establishment of the clergy of this island; to oblige the justices and vestries to build a church, and a parsonage-house, in their respective parishes; and for establishing a fund or provision, for the maintenance and support of the widows and orphan children of deceased clergymen.*" Engrossed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to repeal an act entitled, "An act for appointing commissioners for purchasing a sufficient quantity of land, on the north side of the public parade in the town of St. Jago de la Vega, whereon to fix the statue of lord Rodney, and to erect one or more offices and buildings, for holding and better preserving the public records;" and for other purposes: Bill to repeal 20 Geo. III. cap. 21, committed;

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Grant took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Grant, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made one amendment thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where the same being again read, was agreed unto by the house: Reported;

Ordered,

That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to repeal an act entitled, 'An act for appointing commissioners for purchasing a sufficient quantity of land, on the north side of the public parade in the town of St. Jago de la Vega, whereon to fix the statue of lord Rodney, and to erect one or more offices and buildings, for holding and better preserving the public records,' and for other purposes.*" Engrossed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill to enable the justices and vestry of the parish of St. Ann, to lay St. Ann's parochial tax bill committed;

lay and assess a tax on the inhabitants of the said parish, for the recovery of a certain charitable donation:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fullerton took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Reported;

Mr. Fullerton, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act to enable the justices and vestry of the parish of St. Ann. to lay and assess a tax on the inhabitants of the said parish, for the recovery of a certain charitable donation.*"

Resolved,

Money voted for maroons.

That the sums of 10,000*l.* and 60 *ol.* ordered by this house, on the 28th November last, to be remitted to W. D. Quarrell, esquire, for the use of the maroons, were granted solely for the purpose of clearing him from those debts and engagements which he had incurred, on account of the maroons:

Resolved,

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant governor, with a copy of the above resolution.

Resolved,

Augmented pay of 20th light dragoons.

That a message be sent to his honour the lieutenant governor, to request that he will be pleased to send to the house, an estimate of the augmented pay of the non-commissioned officers, trumpeters, and privates, of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, agreeably to his majesty's most gracious warrant, of the 5th July last.

Quarterly grant to Dr. Higgins.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying to Bryan Higgins, M. D. the sum of 350*l.* per quarter, commencing from 1st January, 1798. and to continue until 31st December following;

Ordered,

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Resolved,

Remuneration to the same.

That this house will pay to Bryan Higgins, M. D. his executors or administrators, such further sum as the house shall think adequate to the services of the said Bryan Higgins, whenever it shall be evinced to the satisfaction of the house, that he has effected, and imparted to the public, the important improvements which, in his memorial presented to the house on the 15th November, 1796, he has proposed to make in the manufacture of sugar and rum.

Engravings to Dr. Higgins's treatise.

A motion being made, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying to the order of Alexander Aikman, the sum of 177*l.* 10*s.* for the engraving of five plates, and throwing off a thousand copies of each plate, to be annexed to the treatise composed by doctor Higgins, and printed by order of the house;

Ordered,

That the same do lie on the table three days, agreeably to the rule of the house.

Ordered,

Ordered,

That the committee to whom the petition of Donald M'Pherson, of the parish of St. Thomas in the East, planter, was referred, do defer making their report thereon, until next session.

Report on Donald M'Pherson's petition deferred.

Ordered,

That Mr. Redwood, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Frazer, have leave to plead as counsel before the council, on the passage of the bill for putting the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment; and that Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. W. Rofs, have leave to be examined thereon.

Leave to members to plead before, and be examined by, council.

Two messages from the council, by their clerk, as follows:

First message.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they recede from their second and third amendments proposed to the bill entitled, 'An act to regulate the militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes respecting the said militia.'"

Message from council on militia bill.

Second message.

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the bill entitled, 'An act in aid of the party law now in force, for the purpose of authorizing and empowering the commander in chief for the time being, to raise and fit out parties to go in pursuit of runaway slaves,' with the following amendments:

Message from council on slave party bill.

"In the 21st line from the top of the second sheet, dele the word 'therefore.'"

"In the 3d line from the bottom of the second sheet, after the word 'privates,' dele the whole of the clause immediately succeeding."

Ordered,

That the consideration of the above messages be postponed till to-morrow.

Consideration deferred.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Mercurii, 20^o die Decembris, 1797.

Clergy bill passed. *Message.* **T**HE engrossed bill for the better establishment of the clergy of this island; to oblige the justices and vestries to build a church, and a parsonage-house, in their respective parishes; and for establishing a fund or provision, for the support and maintenance of the widows and orphan children of deceased clergymen, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Bill to repeal 50 Geo. III. cap. 21, passed. The engrossed bill to repeal an act entitled, "An act for appointing commissioners for purchasing a sufficient quantity of land, on the north side of the public parade in the town of St.ago de la Vega, & hereon to fix the site of Iora Keancy, and to erect one or more offices and buildings for holding and better preserving the public records;" and for other purposes, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

St. Ann's parochial tax bill passed. The engrossed bill to enable the justices and vestry of the parish of St. Ann, to lay and assess a tax on the inhabitants of the said parish, for the recovery of a certain charitable donation, was read the third time:

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Ordered,

That the three following messages be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

Three messages to lieutenant-governor, respecting

First message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

augmented pay of 20th light dragoons; "We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to send to the house, an estimate of the augmented pay of the non-commissioned officers, trumpeters, and privates, of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, agreeably to his majesty's most gracious warrant, of the 5th July last."

Second message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

votes for maroons; "We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you a copy of a resolution of the house of yesterday."

Third message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

and to detain the packet. "We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to request that you will be pleased to give directions to postpone the sailing of the packet, until the first day of January next."

Ordered,

That Mr. Cockburn and Mr. Barnett be a committee to wait on his honour with the

the above messages; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour, in answer to the first and third messages, was pleased to say, he would comply with the request of the house.

The order of the day, for the house to take into consideration the amendments, proposed by the council to the bill in aid of the party law now in force, for the purpose of authorizing and empowering the commander in chief for the time being, to raise and fit out parties to go in pursuit of runaway slaves, being read; and the said amendments being severally read;

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the said amendments.

The resolution moved in the house on Monday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 300*l.* to the order of the honourable Alexander Fullerton, Lewis Cuthbert, James Henry, Samuel Risby Whitehorne, and John Hutchison, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Kelly's parr to Simpson's gate, in the parish of St. Ann, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read;

Resolution for a road grant in St. Ann's, agreed to.

And a motion being made, that the house do agree thereto;

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution moved in the house on Monday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 350*l.* to the order of the honourable Alexander Fullerton, James Henry, Charles Steer, Samuel Risby Whitehorne, and John Simpson, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Simpson's gate to Chippenham-Park, in the parish of St. Ann, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read;

Another.

And a motion being made, that the house do agree thereto;

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The resolution moved in the house on Monday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 350*l.* to the order of the honourable Alexander Fullerton, James Henry, James Stewart, George Cruickshank, James Symes, James Davidson, and Thomas Walker, or any three of them, towards completing the road from Chippenham-Park, in the parish of St. Ann, to the confines of Tre-lavny, having lain three days on the table; agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read;

Another.

And a motion being made, that the house do agree thereto;

A debate thereon arising; and the question being put, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island:

Committee on state of the island,

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fullerton took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Fullerton, from the committee, reported forty-one resolutions, which he read in report 41 resolutions.

in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

1. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 25*l.* to John Stone, in full compensation, as one of the proprietors, for the occupancy of the Spanish-Town theatre, by detachments of his majesty's troops, for five years last past, as by his petition to the house this session.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 86*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* to Richard Main, in full of his account, for fresh beef supplied a detachment of the St. George's militia, in martial law, as by his petition to the house this session.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 287*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* to Donald Campbell, captain of Fort-Montego, in full of his account, for pay due him, for the hire of pioneer negroes to attend a detachment of the 17th light dragoons, for clothing supplied the black shot attached to Fort-Montego, and for sundry disbursements for the said fort, as by his petition to the house this session; and also the further sum of 192*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for keeping clean the arms in the arsenal at Montego-Bay, and for disbursements in repairing such arms, and also the public field-pieces, at St. James's, as by his account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant governor's message of the 29th November last.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 42*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* to doctor Alexander Watt, for the hire of negroes, as pioneers in the service of the 83d regiment, as by his petition to the house this session.

5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 103*l.* to William Rois, captain of Fort-Haldane, for the hire of a white man to take care of the magazine, and for the hire and maintenance of two negroes to work the guns, and keep the barracks and buildings clean and in order, as by his petition to the house this session; and also the further sum of 121*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for one year's pay as captain of the said fort.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 171*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to James Dismore Pinnock, commanding Fort-Lindsay, for one year's pay and lodging-money, to 31st December instant, as by his petition to the house this session.

7. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 35*l.* to Isaac Lascelles Winn, for an account of James Thompson, against him, for painting the Montego-Bay barracks, under the direction of the said I. L. Winn, as a commissioner thereof, as by his petition to the house this session.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 17*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* to John Benzie, for sundry articles of refreshment furnished detachments of the 17th and 20th light dragoons, while on service in the last martial law, as by his petition to the house this session.

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 45*l.* 15*s.* to Jeremiah Black, for making up clothing for sixty confidential slaves, during the maroon rebellion, as by his petition to the house this session.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 95*l.* 2*s.* 1*d.* to John Pinder, in full of his
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account for the hire of negroes in the public service, and for grafs supplied the troops at Montego-Bay, in the last martial law, as by his petition to the house this session.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 18*l.* 10*s.* to James M'Dermott, for the hire of pioneers for the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, as by his account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

12. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill for paying the sum of 167*l.* 1*s.* 6½*d.* to James Stewart, deputy-marshal, in full of his account for the maintenance of prisoners in Savanna-la Mar gaol, as by his petition to the house this session.

13. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 22*l.* 10*s.* to Simon Adolphus, for taking care of the island coach, as by his petition to the house this session.

14. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 163*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* to George Fletcher Coward, deputy-marshal, in full of his account for the maintenance of prisoners in the gaols of St. James and Trelawny, as by his petition to the house this session.

15. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 56*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* to Philip Anglin Scarlett, being for sundries furnished in martial law, by order of the St. James's public commissioners, as by his petition to the house this session.

16. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 563*l.* 15*s.* to George Atkinson, secretary of the island, for recording and attesting laws, and for other business incidental to his office, as by his account presented to the house this session.

17. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to William M'Robbie, being for the hire of pioneers for the 5th regiment of Irish brigade, as by his petition to the house this session.

18. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 2885*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.* to Alexander Aikman, printer to the house, in full of his account for printing laws, and for various other business, as by his petition to the house this session.

19. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 114*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to John Welch, captain of Fort-Small, for the hire and maintenance of two negroes, to take care of the buildings at the said fort, as by his petition to the house this session.

20. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 244*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* to Stevenson and Aikman, survivors of David Dickson, in full of their accounts for sundry printing business, as by their petition to the house this session.

21. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 230*l.* 6*s.* 3*d.* to Thomas Stevenson, executor of David Dickson, deceased, in full of his account for sundry printing business, as by his petition to the house this session.

22. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 214*l.* to James Fannin, in full of his account for sundry printing business, as by his petition to the house this session.

23. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the

poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 184*l.* 18*s.* 2*d.* to Hugh Frazer, deputy-marshal, in full of his account for the maintenance of prisoners in the county-gaol of Surrey, and for sundry expences relative thereto, as by his petition to the house this session.

24. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 73*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* to Alexander Clackar, acting island assistant surgeon of the 83d regiment, being for hospital expenditures, as by his account sent down to the house in a message from his honour the lieutenant-governor this session.

25. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 84*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* to Robert Thomson, in full of his account for the hire of wains, carts, drays, and wherries, in removing army baggage, as by his petition to the house this session.

26. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 132*l.* 15*s.* to the justices and vestry of the parish of Westmorland, for fire-wood furnished the 13th regiment of light dragoons, by Layton Smith, as by his petition to the house this session.

27. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the officers of the 83d regiment, the sums set opposite their respective names, in the account for lodging-money sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last, except the sums charged for the island ensigns, they not doing duty with the regiment.

28. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 547*l.* 10*s.* to major Browne, of the 13th regiment of light dragoons, being for the hire of twelve pioneers for the said regiment, from 18th December, 1796, to 18th December, 1797, as by his account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 29th November last.

29. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 96*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* to John Spens Munro, in full of his account for water supplied the troops at Fort-Augusta and the Apostles-Battery, in 1796, as by his petition to the house this session.

30. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 128*l.* to Benjamin Tenison, for water supplied the 13th regiment of light dragoons, at Fort-Charlotte, as by his account sent down to the house in his honour the lieutenant-governor's message of the 1st December instant.

31. That it be recommended to the house, to refer back to the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, the accounts of John Newland, for water and market-boats supplied the garrison at Fort Augusta, and of James Baker, for boat-hire, in the service of the said garrison, to be re-considered.

32. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to William Tomlinson, the sum of 472*l.* 17*s.* 1½*d.* being for sundry supplies to the 62d regiment in Westmorland; and the further sum of 88*l.* 1*s.* 2½*d.* for sundry disbursements made for his majesty's troops, as by his petitions to the house this session.

33. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 218*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* to John Henry Schroeter, captain of Fort-Balcarras, in full for pay as captain and as barrack-master there, for clothing of black shot attached to the said fort, and for sundry disbursements, as by his petition to the house this session.

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34. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 677*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* to John Newland, in full for supplying the garrison at Fort-Charles with water and market-boats, as by his petition to the house this session.

35. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for rescinding a clause in the poll-tax bill of last year, directing the receiver-general to pay to James Galloway, the sum of 600*l.* and interest from 20th November, 1795, on a certain condition; and for paying to the said James Galloway, the sum of 480*l.* and interest from 20th November, 1795, on his executing a good and sufficient title to his majesty, for the use of the government of this island, for four negro slaves, named John, Duncan, Peter, and Cornwallis, received among the black shot; also the further sum of 40*l.* as the hire of a negro named Smart, received among the black shot, and returned for the want of a title, as by his petition to the house this session.

36. That it be recommended to the house, to deny the prayer of the respective petitions of doctor James Drummond and doctor Alexander Rose, presented to the house this session, praying payment of accounts for medicines furnished his majesty's troops, agreeably to a resolution of the house this session, in respect to each account.

37. That it be recommended to the house, to refuse payment of the account of Malcolm, Paterfon, and company, presented to the house on the 23d November last.

38. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 4000*l.* to the order of the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, towards defraying the expences of the regimental hospitals, under their present establishment.

39. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commander in chief, the sum of 797*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* for the augmented pay of the non-commissioned officers, trumpeters, and privates, of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, for 214 days, being from 25th May to 25th December instant, both days inclusive, agreeably to his honour's second message of the 2d August last.

40. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commander in chief, the sum of 21,843*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* for one year's pay and subsistence of the 20th regiment of light dragoons; and the further sum of 1360*l.* 10*s.* 9*d.* for 365 days augmented pay of the non-commissioned officers, trumpeters, and privates, of said regiment, to 25th December, 1798, inclusive.

41. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to Robert Jackson, or his representative, the sum of 121*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for one year's pay as captain of Fort-Charlotte; and the further sum of 28*l.* 7*s.* for lodging-money to 25th July last.

Then Mr. Fullerton acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again.:

Resolved,

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Ordered,

That the committee of the whole house, to whom the bill for granting to Peter M. Tavish,

Power to examine witnesses given to committee of whole house on M^r Tavish's patent bill.

M^r Tavish, of the parish of Kingston, mason, the exclusive privilege of erecting or building kilns, for the drying or manufacturing of coffee, on a plan or method by him invented, stands referred, have power to send for, and to examine in the most solemn manner, all such persons as they may think proper.

Then the house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the said bill:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Barnett took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Report progress.

Mr. Barnett, from the committee, acquainted the house, that they had made some progress in the said bill, and that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved,

Commitment deferred for six months.

That this house will again, this day six months, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the said bill.

Ordered,

Leave of absence to Mr. Irving and Mr. Bryan.

That Mr. Irving and Mr. Bryan have leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, Speaker.

Tobis, 21^o die Decembris, 1797.

ORDERED,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor respecting carriage of army baggage.

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you an account of the sums voted for the carriage of the baggage of the army; and to request that your honour will be pleased to issue such orders, as may hereafter prevent so enormous an expence, and relieve the colony from so great a grievance."

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to the council:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council on slave party bill.

"We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the amendments proposed by your honours, to the bill entitled, 'An act in aid of the party law now in force,'"

force, for the purpose of authorizing and empowering the commander in chief for the time being, to raise and fit out parties, to go in pursuit of runaway slaves, and have amended the bill accordingly."

Ordered,

"That Mr. Stewart and Mr. Macleod be a committee to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor, with the above message; and also to carry the other message, and the engrossed bills of yesterday, to the council, and desire their concurrence to the bills; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Shirley, from the commissioners of the board of works, reported,

Report from the
board of works.

That they reported to the house in 1794, the ruinous state of the gaol for the county of Surrey, and recommended that a new one should be built; to which the house agreed, and granted to the board the sum of 7000*l.* for that purpose:

That the board caused to be advertised the building of said gaol by contract, and received the tenders of several tradesmen for that purpose; the lowest whereof were, for carpenters work, 1200*l.* and masons work, 6850*l.* exclusive of the lumber, iron work, painting, &c. which the board would supply:

That the necessity of such building becoming very urgent, the board, by a special report, stating these circumstances, and representing that such a building, on the most economical scale, would cost at least 12,300*l.* applied to the house, on 25th November, 1796, for a further grant; when the house was pleased to vote the additional sum of 3000*l.* for that purpose:

That the commissioners have used their best endeavours to obtain contracts for building said gaol, for the sum of 10,000*l.* so vested in them, but without success; owing, in a great measure, to the great rise in the price of lumber, and every other article, by reason of the war, and the depreciated credit of public paper:

That the board could then have erected said building, had the fund been extended to the sum stated, by their said special report, to be necessary; because, at that time, lumber could have been had at 20*l.* per M. feet, which is now raised to 30*l.* per M. and the tradesman, who at that time contracted for the masons work, now demands 10 per cent. advance on the amount of the contract he offered.

That the present gaol is in a most discreditable state, and altogether insecure; so that the necessity of the proposed building is become urgent to a high degree; that the iron work, ordered from England for the new gaol, has been arrived a considerable time; during which it has been, and until used will be, exposed to the weather:

That, exclusive of the ironmongery and incidental charges, a building, on the scale stated in the plan annexed to said special report, will cost, at least,

For masons work	-	-	-	7535
carpenters	-	-	-	1340
lumber and shingles	-	-	-	2946
paint and painting	-	-	-	500

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That, in consequence of a message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, of 30th November, 1796, the house instituted an enquiry into the mode of supplying pioneers for the troops stationed in this island, as appears by the minutes of the

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house of the 1st and 16th December; in consequence whereof the sum of 2500*l.* was, by the poll-tax law, vested in this board, for the purpose of hiring pioneers for the troops:

That the board, under the order of the committee in chief, obtained returns from the different regiments in this island, of pioneers then attached, whereby it appeared, that 122 were deficient of the number wanted:

That the board caused advertisements to be made, inviting persons to contract with the board, to supply pioneers to the number wanted, for the year; but although many offers were made, yet the terms were so exorbitant, that double the sum voted would scarcely have sufficed; and the only reasonable tender they could obtain was, one to supply 24 pioneers for the troops to be stationed at Fort Augusta, at 20*l.* *per* head, free from all deductions whatever, which the board accepted:

The commissioners beg leave to represent to the house, as their opinion, that the mode of supplying pioneers by hiring, whether on contract or otherwise, only for one year, is very objectionable, and perhaps the most inligible: A slave once employed as a pioneer becomes useless for any other purpose; a good slave cannot be had for that purpose: As men only are used, no one will separate his gang so much to his prejudice; no one will for almost any price, contract to hire slaves, who are, from the nature of the service, liable to be taken from one extreme of the island to another; and if the slaves are hired on the provision of being stationed at one post, great numbers would become useless as the quarters became vacant: On the other hand, if the different corps are to supply themselves with pioneers, as at present, by hiring them where and at what rate *per* day they can, the public will sustain a very heavy expence on that head; for, by inspection of the several reports of the committee of accounts this session, it will be found, that the sum of 3517*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* has been paid for the occasional hire of pioneers, obtained for a very few months in that way: To obviate all objections appears impracticable, in any mode of furnishing the troops with pioneers; but, if the board were enabled to contract for the supply of 100 pioneers for nine years, at a sum not exceeding 20*l.* *per annum* each, the commissioners are of opinion it will become an object of attention to individuals, as the profits would compensate most of the objections attending a contract for only one year: They therefore recommend to the house to invest them with full powers to treat with individuals for such contracts, as best they may, not exceeding the period, or rate of hire, before mentioned:

The commissioners beg to observe, it is their opinion the island is entitled to the credit of the British pay for each pioneer, as well whose hire is included in the said sum of 3517*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* as for the 24 supplied by contract, as aforesaid:

That the monument voted by a former house of assembly, to the memory of lord and lady Effingham, arrived in this island in April last; whereon the commissioners appointed a sub-committee to superintend the erection thereof, in the church of Spanish-Town: The said committee have reported to the board, they have caused the monument to be brought to Spanish-Town; but, for a long time, could not find a proper place for it in said church; they have, however, with the concurrence of the rector, lately fixed on the spot for it, and are proceeding forthwith to erect the same.

That, agreeably to the act of this island, vesting in this board the late government mountain and pen, with the slaves and stock thereto respectively belonging, for sale, the commissioners, according to the directions of the said act, and of an explanatory act for enlarging their powers, proceeded to ascertain the slaves belonging to said properties, and to the king's house, whom they arranged according to families,

families, and thereafter advertised the said mountain and pen, and the slaves and stock belonging to each, for sale; and, on the third day of June last, actually sold at public outcry, at the Cross-Keys tavern in Spanish-Town, the mountain, and 42 slaves thereon and thereto belonging, to John Gordon, druggist, as the highest and best bidder, for the sum of 3050*l.* and the pen, and 14 slaves, to John Spencer, esquire, for 4000*l.*; to whom also they sold the stock on said pen, for 443*l.* 10*s.*

That the commissioners agreed with said purchasers, on their making the deposit of 10 *per cent.* required by the first mentioned act, to admit them to the possession of the said properties, but that the title deeds should remain with the receiver-general as an escrow, until the remainder of the purchase-money should be paid, *viz.* a fourth part on the 3d day of June in each of the next four succeeding years; in case of default, the sale to be void, and the deposit-money forfeited:

That the said John Gordon paid the commissioners 305*l.* as his deposit, and the said John Spencer paid them 400*l.* as his deposit, on the purchase-money, and 306*l.* 10*s.* for the stock sold him; whereon the commissioners executed proper title-deeds to the said purchasers respectively; which, with the said sums so paid to them, they have delivered over to the receiver-general.

That Robert Rofs, esquire, has represented to this board, by memorial, that on the 2d of May, 1796, he became purchaser of the land and premises, whereon have been erected the stables of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, and stating that he was inclined to release his rights to the public for a moderate consideration; in consequence of which the board caused enquiry to be made, and find that the land, consisting of 200 square feet, and the buildings thereon, when rented by the public, were fairly worth the sum of 1100*l.*; which Mr. Rofs is willing to accept, and the board recommends the house to pay, as the purchase-money; with interest thereon from said 2d May, 1796, in lieu of rent, and all arrears of rent:

That, according to their annual custom, they have appointed a committee of the board, to inspect such of the different barracks and buildings under their care, as the members, consistent with their necessary attendance on the house, could visit; from whose report, agreed to by the board, it appears, that the sum of 5258*l.* is necessary for the following buildings; *viz.*

SPANISH-TOWN.—King's house, repairs and painting.

The barracks, for the hospital, hospital-kitchen, a well, draining the yard, and painting barracks.

Dragoon stables and theatre, sentry-boxes.

APOSTLES-BATTERY.—Captain's house and wharf.

FORT-AUGUSTA.—Repairs to barracks, magazine, and cistern.

PORT-ROYAL.—Repairs and furniture for barracks, a wall for the engineer's house, and sitting up.

Hospital, repairs and furniture.

A new mess-room.

KINGSTON.—Repairs and furniture for officers and mens barracks.

STONEY-HILL.—Repairs to barracks, new horse-stable and new necessary.

FORT-SMALL.—Painting and buildings.

That a great part of the sum required for the barracks of Spanish-Town is allowed for the sinking and building a well in the barrack-yard, which had formerly been ordered by the board, and indeed contracted for and begun: The commissioners are of opinion it is highly necessary, and therefore recommend it to be done: It has appeared to them, that officers and privates are put to great charges for the article of water, which they think ought to be, and by this expedient will be, saved to them:

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That the expence proposed for the engineer's house is necessary, for converting it to the use of the hospital surgeon, and is recommended by colonel Ramsay, and of which the board approve, from its connection with the hospital:

That a new mess-room for the officers stationed at Port-Royal is much wanted, and is therefore included in said report:

That such of the barracks and public buildings under their care, which could not be visited at this time, they have obtained from their sub-committees, reports of the repairs necessary; viz.

OLD MAROON-TOWN.—Repairs, &c.	} 3263 <i>l</i> . 15 <i>s</i> .
TRELAWNY.—Ditto	
WESTMORLAND.—Ditto	

That they have annexed to this their report, an account of the expenditure of the funds entrusted to their care, whereby it will appear there remains, in the hands of the receiver-general, a balance in their favour of 20,689*l*. 14*s*. 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d*. subject to the deductions stated at the foot of said account, amounting to the sum of 17,202*l*. 10*s*. 9*d*.

That the real balance of 3487*l*. 2*s*. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ *d*. (after such deductions), the commissioners are of opinion, will suffice for all incidental charges, and unforeseen calls, which, it is probable, they will have to answer the ensuing year: The commissioners therefore recommend it to the house to grant them, for the Surrey gaol, the additional sum of 3000*l*. for the different buildings, according to the report of the grand committee, 5258*l*.; and for the repairs reported by the sub-committees, 3263*l*. 15*s*. making together, the sum of 11,521*l*. 15*s*.

That, understanding a bill has passed the house, vesting in this board the care of the buildings at lord Rodney's statue, they annex, and beg leave to submit to the house, a state of the funds, respecting the same, whereby it appears the sum of 8417*l*. 4*s*. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ *d*. is deficient of the contracts.

F. SMITH, *clerk*.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA in account current with THE BOARD OF WORKS, *Dr.*
1797. l. s. d. l. s. d.

Jan. 6.	To an order, favour William Collins, for transporting platforms to Stoney-Hill				56	5	•
13.	To a ditto, favour captain Fisher, of the 62d regiment, for repairs at Stoney-Hill	96	12	1 $\frac{1}{2}$			
	To a ditto, favour Adam Dolmage, esquire, for receiving and conveying paints, oils, &c.	9	0	0			
	To a ditto, favour Robert James, for maintenance of the negroes at the government pen				7	12	6
	To a ditto, favour John Sanders, for repairs at the king's house				52	2	6
	To a ditto, favour John Main, for platforms Kingston barracks				190	10	0
					355	17	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
27.	To a ditto, favour Jaques, Jaing, and Ewing, and Hugh Bogie and company, for lumber for the different public works	616	17	4			
	To a ditto, favour Peter M'Tavish, for masons work at Kingston barracks, Fort-Augusta, and Stoney-Hill				75	6	8

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	To an order, favour David Aird, for carpenters work at Port-Royal	-	40	0	0	—	732	4	0	
Feb. 24.	To a ditto, favour M ^r Farlane and Warden, for making platforms and tables at the Apostles-Battery and Fort-Augusta	100	2	6						
	To a ditto, favour David Aird, for platforms at the artillery barrack, Port-Royal	237	17	6						
	To a ditto, favour John Sanders, for unpacking and putting up the lustres at the assembly-room	-	-	40	10	0				
	To a ditto, favour Robert Pitcairn, for carpenters work at the main guard-room, Spanish-Town	-	-	30	0	0				
Mar. 3.	To a ditto, favour Robert Morgan, for the hire of a mess-room, to 17th February last, at 100 <i>l.</i> per annum	-	18	15	0	—	427	5	0	
17.	To a ditto, favour John Sanders, for carpenters work at the dragoon stables	41	0	10						
	To a ditto, favour John Weith for masons work to the stables in the yard of the king's house	-	-	52	15	0				
	To a ditto, favour John Morton, for carpenters work at Fort-Johnston, Spanish-Town barracks, riding-house, and stables	115	2	6	—	208	18	4		
April 7.	To a ditto, favour David Aird, for repairing the admiral's pen, and the different barracks and hospital	-	-			165	7	5		
May 15.	To five ditto, favour Laing and Ewing, and Hugh Bogle and company, for lumber supplied for different public works	522	5	6						
	To a ditto, favour Robert James, for disbursements at the government pen, to 9th April last	-	-	35	3	1½				
	To a ditto, favour George Cooke, for six months rent of land adjoining the theatre	12	10	0						
	To a ditto, favour William Dawney, for work done at the fort and barracks at Falmouth	-	-	306	10	0	—	876	8	7½
26.	To a ditto, favour William Edward Bonner, for cleaning the walls of the court-house	-	-	10	0	0				
	To a ditto, favour Samuel Gairdner, for repairs done at Fort-Balcarras	-	40	0	0					
	To a ditto, favour George Kerr, towards erecting a tank at Montego Bay	650	0	0	—	700	0	0		
June 9.	To a ditto, favour Robert James, for disbursements paid by him at the government pen	-	-	11	0	0				
	To a ditto, favour ditto, for fees of Adam, belonging to the government mountain	2	14	8						

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	To an order, favour Robert James, for his	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	-	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
	care of the government pen	-	80	0	0			
	To a ditto, favour George Howel, for his							
	care of the government mountain	140	00	0	-	253	14	8
June 30.	To a ditto, favour John Morton, for his							
	contracts at the public buildings and bar-							
	racks in Spanish-Town	-	308	0	0			
	To a ditto, favour John Sanders, for work							
	done by-order of the lieutenant-governor,							
	&c.	-	15	0	0			
	To two ditto, favour Robert Pitcairn, for							
	work at the island store, and making stretch-							
	ers for the dragoons, 12 ^l 10 ^s and 60 ^d .	72	10	0				
	To a ditto, favour James K. Kelly, for ad-							
	vertising the sale of the government							
	mountain and pen	-	36	10	0			
	To a ditto, favour Alexander Seton, for							
	painting Port-Royal barracks and hospital,							
	and Kingston barracks, &c.	-	60	5	0			
	To a ditto, favour David and James Aird,							
	for painting the admiral's pen, &c.	84	8	9				
	To a ditto, favour Abraham Fonseca, for							
	selling the government mountain and pen	5	6	8				
	To a ditto, favour Francis Smart, for rent							
	of the island store, due 6th April last	60	0	0	-	642	01	5
July 7.	To a ditto, favour James Jones, for the car-							
	riage of chandeliers and arms for the pub-							
	lic	-	95	3	1½			
	To a ditto, favour John Welsh, for masons							
	work at Fort-Johnston and Fort-Small	172	14	7				
	To a ditto, favour Adam Dolmage, for six							
	hand-barrows for the use of the armory	6	0	0	-	273	17	8½
21.	To a ditto, favour John Morton, for work							
	done at Fort-Small and the king's house	238	10	0				
	To a ditto, favour Robert Morgan, for the							
	hire of a mess-house for the 3d regiment							
	of Irish brigade	-	8	5	0	-	246	15
28.	To a ditto, favour John Welsh, for white-							
	washing the barracks of the 63d regiment,							
	and for lime for the necessary	-	8	0	0			
	To a ditto, favour R. S. Woodham, for 12							
	months rent of land, part of the dragoon							
	stables, due 17th instant	-	50	0	0			
	To a ditto, favour Gentle and Glenney, for							
	carpenters work to the hospital at the							
	maroon-town	-	900	0	0			
	To a ditto, favour Charles O'Connor, for							
	masons work at ditto	-	600	0	0	-	1558	0
Aug. 18.	To a ditto, favour Edward Evans, for re-							
	pairs and buildings at Fort-Charlotte	429	5	0				

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	To an order, favour Robert Pitcairn, for carpenters work at the armory	-	10	10	0			
	To a ditto, favour John Welsh, for masons work at di to	-	11	10	0			
	To a ditto, favour Miles and John Williams, for balance of their contract at Spanish-Town barracks	-	250	0	0			
	To a ditto, favour John Morton, for piling the foundation of the officers new barrack, at Fort-Augusta	-	170	0	0	—	871	5 0
Sept. 1.	To a ditto, favour James Jones, for the carriage of arms and ammunition for the public service	-	20	0	0			
	To a ditto, favour John Merton, for carpenters work done at the hospital at Spanish-Town barracks	-	39	0	0			
	To a ditto, favour John Butter, for repairing the pump for cistern at the diagoon barracks in Spanish-Town	-	12	10	0			
	To a ditto, favour William Adair, for masons work done at the king's house	-	29	0	0	—	100	10 0
Oct. 13.	To a ditto, favour John Morton, for the carriage of lumber from Kingston to Port-Augusta, for the officers new barrack	-	100	0	0			
	To a ditto, favour ditto, for building a cistern at Fort-Augusta	-	220	0	0	—	320	0 0
27.	To a ditto, favour Thomas Wilkinfon, for work done at the Black-River barracks	-	27	7	1			
	To a ditto, favour William Fenwick, for repairing and putting up the new clock over the door-way of the assembly-room	-	27	10	0			
	To a ditto, favour Robert Pitcairn, for 30 stretchers for the hospital at Port-Royal	-	85	17	6			
	To a ditto, favour David Laing, for lumber supplied for the officers new barrack at Fort-Augusta (including 5 <i>per cent.</i> agreed to be allowed him, if paid in certificates instead of cash)	-	1437	15	6			
	To a ditto, favour John Butter, for extra work done at the new barrack in Spanish-Town, agreeably to an order of the board	-	104	0	0	—	1682	10 1
Nov. 3.	To a ditto, favour William Edward Bonner, for making gutterings, to convey the water from off the riding-school to the cistern 20th light dragoons	-	13	15	4			
	To a ditto, favour Begle and Jopps, on behalf of William Rofs, esquire, captain Fort-Haldane, for sundry articles supplied, and work done, at barracks in said fort	-	95	14	8	—	109	10 0
10.	To a ditto, favour John Sanders, for clean-							

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		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
	ing the chandeliers and windows of the king's house and assembly-room				36	10	0
<i>Nov.</i> 17.	To an order, favour James Colthirst, for cloth for covering the benches, &c. king's house	-	-	-	32	0	0
	To a ditto, favour Grant and Garland, for covering ditto	-	-	-	5	14	0
	To a ditto, favour Patrick Gallagher, for medical attendance on the negroes at the government mountain and pen	-	-	-	63	14	11
	To a ditto, favour Robert Pitcairn, for lumber supplied for the use of the hospital 20th light dragoons				32	10	0
	To a ditto, favour ditto, for thirty stretchers supplied the hospital of 63d regiment				85	17	6
	To a ditto, favour Robert Gentle, for making a new road from the barracks, round the hospital, at the Old Maroon-Town				50	0	0
	To a ditto, favour George Cooke, for six months rent of the land adjoining the theatre	-	-	-	12	10	0
					282	6	5
24.	To a ditto, favour Robert Holmes, for the rent of sundry buildings to the public				80	0	0
	To a ditto, favour Walter Henry Birmingham, for repairs to the barracks at Fort-Balcarres	-	-	-	16	17	4
					96	17	4
<i>Dec.</i> 8.	To a ditto, favour sub-committee, for Westmorland barracks, being the amount of Hugh Frazer's account for erecting a double temple at said barracks	-	-	-	441	5	0
	To a ditto, favour James Herriott and son, for opening the casks, &c. containing the ironmongery	-	-	-	3	0	0
	To a ditto, favour Miles and John Williams, for waggonage, &c. for earl of Effingham's monument	-	-	-	19	10	0
	To a ditto, favour John Butter, for work done at the riding-house of 20th light dragoons	-	-	-	57	6	8
	To a ditto, favour Thomas Williams, for fixing the new clock over the door-way of the assembly-room. and for other work done for the public service	-	-	-	75	0	0
					596	1	8

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THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA in account current with THE BOARD OF WORKS, Cr.
1796. l. s. d.

Dec. 17.	By balance in the hands of the receiver-general to this day,			
	as per account annexed to the report	-	-	15,561 17 0 $\frac{1}{4}$
	By this sum granted in the poll-tax law, towards erecting			
	gaol in Surrey	-	-	3,900 0 0
	By ditto in ditto, for pioneers	-	-	2,500 0 0
	By ditto in ditto, for general use of the board	-	-	10,000 0 0
				<hr/> 31,061 17 0 $\frac{1}{4}$

By this sum granted Charles O'Connor, 2d September, 1796, towards building an hospital at the maroon-town, Trelawny, which order was never transmitted to him, he having forfeited his contract, and which sum was entered to the credit of the receiver-general

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Balance - 20,689 13 2 $\frac{3}{4}$

Subject to the following contracts:

	l.	s.	d.
J. Morton's contract for new barrack at Fort-Augusta	1800	0	0
M Lean, Campbell, and company, for ditto	2553	7	11
John Butter, for necessary at Spanish-Town barracks	20	0	0
Daniel Saa, for ditto	222	0	0
Hume and Balfour, for Apostles-Battery	120	0	0
Peter M'Tavish, for ditto	196	7	0
Hume and Balfour, for Kingston barracks	120	0	0
John Merton, for gate at island store	10	0	0
Paid Thomas Williams for fixing the new clock			
Peter M'Tavish, for repairs at the captain's house, Fort-Augusta	150	7	6
John Boswell, for ditto	54	0	0
John Morton, for repairs at Stoney-Hill barracks	571	8	4
Camp'ell, M'Lean, and Phillips, for ditto	80	0	0
Paid John Butter, for light dragoon stables			
Captain Dobbin, for hire of 16 pioneers, at 20l. per annum	320	0	0
Kingston gaol 7000l. April, 1796, 3000l. Dec. 1796	10,000	0	0
Various small orders of the board, about	300	0	0
An allowance to J. Fry, 10 per cent. on his contract for masons work at Surrey gaol	685	0	0
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Real balance			<hr/> 3,487 2 5 $\frac{3}{4}$

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CONTRACTS

Rodney's statue.

CONTRACTS entered into by the COMMISSIONERS for erecting a statue to LORD
RODNEY, &c.

1793. STATUE AND COLONADES.

Feb. 28. Miles, John and Thomas Williams, con-	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.
tract for erecting the temple and colo-						
nades - - -	14,259	16	6			

On account of which they have re-						
ceived - - -	10,462	12	4½	3,797	4	1½

CARRIAGE of STONE.

Miles, John, and Thomas Williams, con-						
tract for carriage of stone from Hope-						
River - - -	900	0	0			

On account of which they have received	500	0	0	—	400	0	0
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MASON and CARPENTERS ESTIMATE for PUBLIC
OFFICES.

Thomas Williams, contract for masons

work for the intended public offices	5,000	0	0			
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On account of which he has received	4,500	0	0	—	500	0	0
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John Morton, contract for carpenters

work for the intended public offices	5,720	0	0			
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On account of which he has received	2,000	0	0	—	3,720	0	0
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Remaining due on the above contracts				8,417	4	1½
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ABSTRACT.

Contract for statue and colonades	14,259	16	6			
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Carriage of stone - - -	900	0	0			
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Public offices - - -	10,720	0	0			
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Total amount of contracts -	25,879	16	6			
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Paid on account of the above; viz.

Miles, John, and Thomas

Williams -	10,462	12	4½			
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Ditto on account of stone	500	0	0			
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Thomas Williams	4,500	0	0			
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John Morton -	2,000	0	0	—	17,462	12	4½	8,417	4	1½
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An account of GRANTS made by the honourable house of assembly, applicable to the orders
of the COMMISSIONERS for erecting a statue to LORD RODNEY, &c.

	l.	s.	d.	l.	s.	d.
In poll tax law, passed March, 1790 -	3,000	0	0			
In ditto, passed March, 1791 -	3,650	0	0			
In ditto, passed March, 1792 -	3,167	0	0			
Vote of credit -	43	4	0			
In deficiency law, passed 1792 -	2,000	0	0			
In poll-tax law, February, 1795 -	3,000	0	0			
Vote of credit, 21st December, 1796 -	2,000	0	0			
Total -	21,121	0	0			

Valuation

Valuation of the lands formerly used as an ordnance store, made applicable to the orders of the

commissioners, by a clause in the poll-tax law, *l. s. d. l. s. d.*
 passed 21st December, 1796 - 1,200 0 0 — 22,321 0 0

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ORDERS drawn by the commissioners on the receiver-general, payable from the above grants; viz.

Favour F. R. Brodbeit, valuation of land	-	600	0	0	
Lucy Bartholomew, ditto	-	1,850	0	0	
James Jones, for carriage of stone, &c.	-	940	2	6	
Walter Welsh, D. M. for warning and attending jury, valuing land, &c.	-	21	0	0	
Honourable Henry Shirley, for copper	-	110	3	5	
George French, clerk to the commissioners	-	200	0	0	
John Welsh, bricklayers work	-	519	10	0	
John Sanders, carpenters ditto	-	73	4	1	
St. Catherine's workhouse, labour	-	54	7	7½	
John Baxter, for his care of the statue	-	20	0	0	
John Townsend, hire of a house as an arsenal, the former being taken down by order of the commissioners	-	70	0	0	
Ditto, for rent of ditto, for one year, 13th December, 1796	-	70	0	0	
May 22. Favour John Welsh, for masons work	-	45	10	7½	
July 26. John Townsend, for half year's rent of store	-	35	0	0	
Orders drawn at different times, on account of contracts for statue, &c. and the intended new public buildings, as per statement annexed	-	17,462	12	4½	— 22,071 10 7½

Balance remaining in the hands of receiver-general - 249 9 4½

Balance brought down - 249 9 4½

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Dec. 20. Order favour George Elliott Taylor, clerk to the commissioners, for salary to this date, and fees by him paid to vendue-master, for selling by auction the old materials of the old court-house - 143 14 2

Balance remaining in the hands of the receiver-general, 20th December, 1797 - 105 15 2½

Mr. Stewart, from the committee, to whom his honour the lieutenant-governor's messages of the 3d day of August, and the 1st day of November, and the papers therewith severally sent, were referred, reported,

That they beg leave to state to the house, that no resolution or proceeding of the legislature authorizes the opinion entertained, that this island intended to pledge itself

Report on lieutenant-governor's messages respecting maroons.

itself to provide a permanent support, for the rebellious maroons of Trelawny-Town, in Nova-Scotia, or elsewhere:

That, as the maroons were sent to Halifax, to wait his majesty's pleasure with respect to their future destination, and the choice of Nova-Scotia, as a place of settlement for them, was not the measure of the legislature of Jamaica (as stated in sir John Wentworth's receipt to Mr. Quarrell, dated the 11th September, 1797), this country ought not to be charged with the extraordinary expence, incurred by the difficulty of establishing them in that situation:

That the benevolent intentions of this island have been evinced, by the liberal provision made for the support of the maroons at the time of their embarkation, and afterwards; which, in the opinion of the committee, was amply adequate to fulfil the engagement of the legislature, to maintain them at the public expence of this island, for a reasonable time after their arrival at the place of their destination:

The first provision made by this house for the rebellious maroons, was a grant of the 26th April, 1796, of 25,000*l.* currency; a further requisition having been made on the same account, another grant of 10,000*l.* currency was voted on the 19th December, 1796, when the house thought it expedient to fix a period, beyond which this island would not be bound to support these people in their settlement at Nova-Scotia:

That, application having been made by W. D. Quarrell, esquire, and by sir John Wentworth, in his letter of the 4th August, 1797, to his honour the lieutenant-governor, for an additional aid, the sum of 6000*l.* has been voted by the house for the same use, making, with the two former grants, the sum of 41,000*l.* currency:

That, when Mr. Quarrell surrendered the charge of the maroons to sir John Wentworth, property in land, houses, stock, furniture, farming utensils, and stores, of the value of 10,303*l.* 14*s.* 10*d.* sterling, was delivered by the former to the latter, for the use of the maroons, over and above the provision for the expences of maintaining them, until the 22d July, 1797:

The committee must here observe, that from all the communications to this house, on the subject of these maroons, it appears, that on their arrival at Halifax, they were not considered as atrocious delinquents, transported for having taken up arms against his majesty's government, but, on the contrary, as a loyal and favoured people, sent thither for the purpose of colonization;

It appears to the committee, from the accounts of William Dawes Quarrell, esquire, and from the information collected from the receiver-general of this island, that the sum of 41,000*l.* granted at different times for the comfortable subsistence of the maroons, will not be more than sufficient to defray the expences incurred in that service, previous to the 22d July, 1797; and that a further grant will be necessary, to make good the intention of the house, to allow 10*l.* sterling for the year ending on the 22d July, 1798, for each man, woman, and child:

The committee therefore recommend to the house, to grant the further sum of 6000*l.* sterling for that purpose, and to come to a final resolution, not to make any other grants for the future support of the maroons.

Report from commissioners of public accounts.

Mr. Cockburn, from the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

That they have prepared the following accounts and statements, which they report for the information of the house: It will appear from thence, that the estimates made of the produce of the taxes have been, for the two last years, much over rated, and the public debt has not, in consequence, been reduced to the extent that was expected;

expected; the commissioners therefore have thought it necessary, in the estimate of the ways and means which they now submit to the house, to regulate their calculations, by the actual receipts during the four quarters: The house will observe a very considerable list of arrears due for taxes uncollected; which no doubt must be attributed, in part, to the weight of the public contributions, and partly to the remissions of the collecting constables: The commissioners have called before them such of these officers as have attended pursuant to the order of the house, and have examined them upon oath; a copy of which examination is hereto annexed, with a list of several collecting constables who, from sickness, or other causes, have not appeared: The board has directed such steps to be taken, as it is hoped will prove effectual, to enforce the collection, and payment into office, of the large sums remaining due on account of the annual funds, and they have given particular instructions to the solicitor of the crown, to proceed without delay, for the recovery of a great amount of debt due to the revenue, for escheats, quit-rents, and otherwise, in hopes to effect, by their exertions, a considerable reduction of the heavy debt with which this country is now burthened:

That the commissioners think it their duty to represent to the house, that the expenditure of the country is constantly increasing, and should his majesty approve of the measure of sending two thousand men, to be paid and subsisted, agreeably to the resolution of the house, the expence will be further greatly augmented; they therefore think it necessary, to submit the propriety of a limitation to official emolument, after the expiration of the present lease of the receiver-general, as it is not consonant to justice, that individual advantage should increase with the distresses of the country:

That the receiver-general having charged a commission of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on issuing public certificates, bearing interest at 10 per cent. the board ordered, on the 10th of June last, that the amount, being 6125*l*. should be applied to the use of the public; it being their opinion, that such charge is unauthorized by law, and ought not to be allowed:

The commissioners represent to the house, that, in pursuance of the powers which were intrusted to them by law, they entered into an agreement with their secretary, ten years ago, in consequence of which they were bound to defray the contingent expences of their office; and they recommend to the house, to provide for the payment of the sum of 566*l*. 10*s*. 5*d*. which is the balance remaining due to their secretary, on that account.

ESTIMATE of WAYS AND MEANS for the year 1798.

	£.	s.	d.
Poll-tax, at 10 <i>s</i> .	125,000	0	0
Deficiency	10,000	0	0
Rum	5,000	0	0
Land-tax	35,000	0	0
Stamp duties	25,000	0	0
Negro duties	35,000	0	0
Additional duties	4,500	0	0
Tonnage money	3,200	0	0
Arrears of poll-tax, 1797	30,000	0	0
Ditto of deficiency, ditto	40,000	0	0
Ditto of land-tax, ditto	13,000	0	0
Ditto of former years	20,000	0	0
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Surplus			

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				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Surplus of the revenue	-	-	-	10,000	0	0
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Balance of cash in the receiver-general's hands,				355,700	0	0
30th September	-	-	98,994	16	4	
Surplus of revenue	-	-	8,424	9	8	
10 per cent. papers in hand	-	-	18,925	0	0	
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				126,344	6	0
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				482,044	6	0
Balance wanting to make up the debt				310,836	17	3
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				792,881	3	3
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ACCOUNT of MONIES received under the several MONEY-BILLS, during the four quarters, ending 30th september, 1797.

<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	
122,308	0	0	under the poll-tax law, 1797
6,055	17	9	under the deficiency ditto
4,382	4	9	under the rum ditto
35,528	6	6	under the land-tax ditto
22,933	18	8	under the stamp-duty ditto
32,527	0	0	under the negro duty ditto
4,422	13	0	additional duties
3,192	16	6	tonnage-money
9,407	3	10	arrears of poll tax, 1796
35,204	11	2	arrears of deficiency ditto
17,434	15	2	arrears of land-tax ditto
10,597	3	5	arrears of taxes due on former years
1,761	4	4	proceeds of the sales of public stores
8,424	9	8	surplus of the revenue and balance of gunpowder
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314,180	4	9	<i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>
			{ 126,075 0 0 loan
127,223	10	0	{ 1,148 10 0 deposit for government pen and mountain, and purchase of stock
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441,403	14	9	total received to 30th September, 1797.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The debts due by the public of Jamaica, on that day, are stated in a schedule annexed No. , and amount to	-	522,881	3 3
And the contingent expences of government for the year 1798, including the grants of the present session, according to the annexed account, No. , amount to	-	270,000	0 0
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		792,881	3 3
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A COMPARATIVE STATE of the ESTIMATES presented to the house for the years
1796 and 1797, with the produce of the TAXES for the said years.

The estimate for 1796.

Produce of the taxes.

l.		l. s. d.		
5,000	rum duty	3,638	11	11
4,000	additional ditto	6,328	10	1
26,000	negro ditto	25,623	13	4
35,000	deficiency, and	10,021	6	3
	arrears of ditto		1	4
160,000	poll tax, at 10s.	132,800	4	4
10,000	surplus	7,860	17	5
50,000	land-tax	12,110	9	6
15,000	stamp duties	11,857	12	1
43,620	arrears, including	22,031	14	5
	arrears of poll-tax, 1795		6	5
16,000	proceeds of stores	16,948	0	7
tonnage-money		3,634	9	10

364,620

301,930 5 6

The estimate for 1797.

Produce of the taxes.

l.		l. s. d.		
140,000	poll-tax, at 10s.	122,308	0	0
10,000	deficiency	6,055	17	9
6,000	rum	4,382	4	9
30,000	land-tax	35,528	6	6
40,000	stamp-duties	22,933	18	8
20,000	negro ditto	32,527	0	0
6,000	additional ditto	4,422	13	0
4,500	tonnage	3,192	16	6
10,000	arrears poll tax, 1796	9,407	3	10
30,000	deficiency ditto	35,204	11	2
30,000	arrears land-tax	17,434	15	2
20,000	former years	10,597	3	5
7,000	remaining stores	1,761	4	4
deposit for government pen and mountain		1,148	10	0
8,500	surplus	8,424	9	8

362,000

315,328 14 9

DEBTS due by the PUBLIC OF JAMAICA, on 30th September, 1797.

		l. s. d.		
James Anderson, superintendant of Charles-Town, on account of salary		50	0	0
Directors of the Bath, for balance of grants	-	202	13	4
Botanic Garden, for balance on account of contingencies, &c.		633	3	10
Captain Dobbin, for one quarter's pay	-	40	0	0
Lieutenant of Fort-Augusta, for ditto	-	132	2	6
Captain of Fort-George, for one year's pay	-	121	13	4
Captain of Rock-Fort, ditto	-	121	13	4
Commissioners, for paying boat-money and negroes, balance of grant		326	0	0

600l.

Thomas

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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Thomas Danter, physician to Bath, &c.	507	13	4
Deputy receiver-generals, secretaries, and naval officers, one quarter	210	0	0
Engineer of forts, &c. one quarter's salary, lodging, &c.	71	0	0
Gunner and store-keeper Fort-Augusta, one quarter's salary	25	0	0
Bryan Higgins, ditto	350	0	0
King's plate	125	0	0
Colonel McMurdo, quartermaster-general, subsistence, 2 quarters	51	0	0
Superintendants of maroon-towns, Scott's Hall, Accompong, and Moore-Town	150	0	0
Maroon negro parties, balance of sundry grants	1,245	12	8
White men in maroon-towns, balance of ditto	912	19	3
Robert Sewell, agent	700	0	0
Clerk of the board of works	570	0	0
Lieutenant-governor's salary	1,125	0	0
Armourer's account	160	0	0
Interest to St. Jago free-school 1793, 1794, and 1795	300	0	0
Grant to the commander in-chief, to purchase horses for 20th light dragoons, in the poll-tax law	778	5	
63 horses purchased	2995	4	790 0 0
Commissioners of public accounts, for maroons	10,000	0	0
A quarter's subsistence supposed to be due the officers, their wives and children	2,500	0	0
Allowance to the sick	500	0	0
Due the commander in chief, for 16th and 20th regiments	392	14	6
Ditto for 20th light dragoons	3246	2	0 3,638 16 6
Commissioners forts, fortifications, &c.			15,096 3 3
board of works			25,734 8 6
Lord Rodney's statue			300 16 7
for grants on roads			12,395 9 3
Free-schools St. Jago de la Vega and Kingston			6,098 12 0
Messieurs Atkinson, Mure, and Bogle			25,000 0 0
Henry Shirley, & al. for maroons			3,000 0 0
The receiver-general, for balance due on commissions			6,103 2 2
Orders of commissioners outstanding, on account martial law			9,825 12 10
Eighteen months interest supposed to be due			884 6 0
Certificates bearing 6 per cent. interest, outstanding, as per following account			54,415 16 1
Interest due on them 30th September			3,475 12 4
Money borrowed on certificates, at 10 per cent. as annexed			325,000 0 0
Interest due 30th September			5,985 11 2
			522,881 3 3

ACCOUNT of CERTIFICATES issued and returned into office, 30th September, 1797.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Amount of certificates bearing 6 per cent. interest, issued 1st Oct. 1795	50,373	7	6
Amount of certificates bearing 6 per cent. interest, issued in 1796 and 1797, to this day	217,306	12	3
	267,769	19	9

Amount

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Amount of certificates at 6 per cent. of 1st October, 1795, returned into office, to this day	-	-	-	45,825	1	0
Amount of 1796 and 1797 certificates, at 6 per cent. returned into office this day	-	-	-	167,529	2	8
Principal of 6 per cent. certificates outstanding this day	-	-	-	54,415	16	1
				267,769	19	9

Interest due thereon, 3475*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.*

ACCOUNT of 10 per cent. papers issued to 30th September, 1797.

Payable

	<i>l.</i>	1st Sept. 1797. <i>l.</i>	1st Sept. 1798. <i>l.</i>	1st Sept. 1799. <i>l.</i>	1st Sept. 1800. <i>l.</i>
Issued 20th Jan. 1796	80,000	24,000	8,500	47,500	
28th Mar. ditto	100,000	16,000	11,500	72,500	
15th Aug. ditto	45,000	11,500	7,000	26,500	
1st Mar. 1797	20,000		5,500	14,500	
1st May, ditto	80,000		31,575	5,450	24,050
	325,000	51,500	64,075	166,450	24,050

N. B. 18,925*l.* paper on hand.

LIST of DEBTS due by sundries to the PUBLIC OF JAMAICA:

Due by collecting constables for 1794, 1795, 1796, and 1797.

	1794. <i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>			1795. <i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>			1796. <i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>			1797. <i>l.</i> <i>s.</i> <i>d.</i>		
H. Cole, St. Andrew	256	12	9	183	4	4	29	16	10	10		
John Shaw, St. Ann							30	21	0	6	10	276 8 5
R. S. Bayley, St. Catherine							80	7	18	3	1,501	15 1
James Smith, Clarendon							3	63	6	17	8	
T. Harris, St. David's							1	55	4	15	9	666 4 1
W. Pearson, St. Dorothy's							6	63	1	1	33	6 15 0
R. B. Wright, St. Elizabeth							5	00	4	8	0	4 011 5 11
W. Cumming, St. George							1,1	89	1	2	1,6	83 4 4
W. Brown, Hanover											7	680 1 0
S. B. Bowen, St. James							4	05	6	7	6	8,322 16 1
Anthony Burke, St. John	174	12	8									
W. Mellor, East Kingston							11	72	3	7	1	202 2 2
A. Duffus, West Kingston											3	166 13 10
John McKay, St. Mary's							35	66	15	4	6	594 18 5
E. Holden, Portland											4	00 0 0
John Ridley, Port-Royal				427	2	10						
R. Whitfinch, St. Tho. East				1782	13	8	41	75	11	6	11,6	00 1 10
R. S. Bayley, ditto in Vale							10	15	13	9	1,8	97 13 8
Edw. Chambers, Trelawny							17	95	13	5	900	0 0
H. Golsbourn, Vere											2,8	78 0 1
W. Tomlinson, Westmorland							35	05	13	2	4	251 2 6
B. Whitaker, Port-Royal							26	46	13	0	52	7 17 6
C. W. Hall, St. Andrew											3	83 6 4
W. H. Israell, Clarendon											2,3	55 0 0
Samuel Tulloch, St. John											2	087 8 0
	431	5	5	4044	13	10	42,823	4	6		76	522 14 3
											42	823 4 0
											4	044 13 10
											431	5 5
											123	821 18 0
											A. D.	ine

N. B. The reliefs, discounts, and collecting constables commissions, being placed to their credit upon a final settlement of their accounts, must be considered as a deduction from the amount of the above list of debts, and will probably reduce it from 20 to 30 per cent.

Arrears due former years :

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Thomas Tomlinson, a considerable payment promised and expected, will be subject to commission, &c. suppose $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	2643	10	5			
Anthony Burke, put in suit	714	19	0			
John Denny, ditto	1018	5	0			
John Armstrong, ditto	1439	7	10			
Thomas Harris, supposed will be extinguished by reliefs	400	12	11			
Alexander Grant, put in suit	327	6	4			
John Evans; H. Randall, collector of these arrears, subject to deductions	3813	1	11			
Alexander Hamilton. on judgment, and 50 negroes sold	7363	0	8			
P. Rogers, secured by judgment against Matthew Sterling	851	8	5			
James Strachan, greater part will be extinguished by reliefs	1307	2	1	19,875	14	7

Bonds due and accruing :

Bond of John Kelly and C. Tonge, now due	520	0	0			
Ditto ditto, payable in 1798	519	5	0			
Ditto ditto, payable in 1799	430	8	8			
Bonds of Alexander earl Balcarres, payable in 1798, 1799, 1800, and 1801, for 900 <i>l.</i> each	3600	0	0			
Bonds of doctor John Gordon, for 686 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> each, payable in like instalments	2745	0	0	7,814	13	8
				151,515	6	3

ACCOUNT of the public debt, statement of the grants, and estimate of the contingent expences of government, for the year 1796; and of the payments actually made during that year, in discharge of the same :

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Debt remaining due 30th September, 1795	-			123,333	1	3
Estimate for 20th light dragoons	21,843	11	4			
Pioncers	416	0	0			
	22,259	11	4			
Subsistence of the troops	50,000	0	0			
Sick of the army	4,000	0	0			
	76,259	11	4			
Grants under the money-bills, and estimate of contingent expences	98,740	8	8	175,000	0	0
Account of expences incurred by martial law				520,198	14	7
				818,531	15	10

Paid on account of the army, as follows:

For pay of 20th light dragoons, subsistence to their officers, and for their sick	27,333	18	11			
Officers subsistence, and sick of other regiments	14,649	4	3			
Contractor for subsistence of the troops	68,012	0	9	109,995	3	11
Paid militia pay-bills, orders of commissioners, and various expences, on account martial law				260,912	0	10
						Paid

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Paid for various contingencies, and in part 1796
debt - - -

<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
175,287	1	11

Remaining unpaid of contra aggregate sum

405,254	11	10
494,966	5	0
900,220	16	10

Cash payments in the four quarters:

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
December, 1796 - - -	66,882	7	4
March, 1797 - - -	90,396	2	4
June - - -	37,990	0	8
September - - -	18,286	1	6

381,754 11 10

Interest paid on 10 *per cents* by the stamp cashier 23,500 0 0

405,254 11 10

Balance of debt brought down - -

494,966 5 0

Add principal of 10 *per cent.* papers, not included in the above
estimate - - -

48,500 0 0

543,466 5 0

Deduct so much over-rated in the estimate of martial law
expences in 1796, and reduced in the account of debt now
due - - -

20,000 0 0

Actual debt, 30th Sept. 1797, as *per* account -

523,466 5 0

APPROPRIATIONS granted under the several MONEY-BILLS, 1798.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The king's purfes for the three counties of Surrey, Middlefex, and Cornwall, 125 <i>l.</i> each - - -	375	0	0
Chaplain to the assembly - - -	140	0	0
Clerk - - -	1000	0	0
Serjeant at arms - - -	700	0	0
Printer - - -	400	0	0
Thomas Wills - - -	140	0	0
Deput receiver-generals, naval officers, and secretaries, at 70 <i>l.</i>	840	0	0
Clerk committee of correspondence - -	200	0	0
Clerk commissioners of forts and fortifications -	150	0	0
Engineer of forts and furveyor of harbours -	182	10	0
Captain Fort-Augusta - - -	18	10	0
Lieutenant ditto - - -	91	5	0
Captain Fort-George - - -	121	13	4
Captain Rock-Fort - - -	121	13	4
Commissary of mufters, fubfiftence and lodging -	102	0	0
Phyfician to Bath - - -	200	0	0
Direftors of ditto - - -	100	0	0
Agent's falary - - -	700	0	0
Surveyor of public works - - -	700	0	0

William

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
William Burrowes, for gaol fees - - - -	18	7	6
Malcolm, Paterfon, and company, articles supplied Fort-Charlotte	4	10	0
Nathaniel and George Gray, cloathing supplied four black shot	40	0	0
Ditto, half-barrel gunpowder - - - -	16	13	4
John Michael Dwyer, translations - - - -	4	1	3
Clerk of the crown - - - - -	200	0	0
Clerk supreme court - - - - -	100	0	0
James Lewis, compensation for loss on private bills - -	150	0	0
Benjamin Lyon, compensation for loss on private bills -	40	0	0
Billy and Cudjoe, at 20 <i>l.</i> each - - - -	40	0	0
Ben Blake, Jonathan, &c. six, at 10 <i>l.</i> each - -	60	0	0
Deborah, Sarah, Mimba, &c. eighteen, at 5 <i>l.</i> each -	90	0	0
Will, a free mulatto - - - - -	10	0	0
Superintendants Accompong-Town, Moore-Town, Charles-Town, and Scott's Hall, at 200 <i>l.</i> each - - - -	800	0	0
Four white people in said towns - - - -	240	0	0
Treasurer St. Jago free-school - - - -	100	0	0
Gunner and store-keeper Fort-Augusta - - - -	100	0	0
Treasurer Wolmer's free-school - - - -	120	0	0
Ditto a year's interest on bond - - - -	179	16	9
William Cheland, landing, &c. monument - -	25	0	0
Thomas Jenkins, disbursements during the maroon rebellion -	156	15	0
Doctor James Veitch, medicines furnished the maroons on board	40	0	0
John Gaynor, hire of a black shot - - - -	31	16	8
Edward M. Whitehead, gaol fees - - - -	33	3	9
C. N. Pallmer, solicitor to the crown - - - -	78	0	2
Doctor James Walker - - - - -	238	7	1
Superintendent Accompong-Town, pay-bills to maroons -	290	3	9
Henry Burges - - - - -	50	0	0
Charles Rose Ellis - - - - -	280	0	0
Directors Milk-River, for bridge - - - -	1000	0	0
Elizabeth Silver - - - - -	50	0	0
Elizabeth Watson - - - - -	500	0	0
Repairing great windward road - - - -	600	0	0
Flora Zeney - - - - -	70	0	0
Thomas Morley, for value of a horse - - - -	20	0	0
Charles Douglas, lodging-money as superintendent of Moore-Town	50	0	0
John Mitchell, for sundries supplied the Trelawny militia -	18	0	8 $\frac{3}{4}$
John Henderson, conveyance of arms belonging to the country	170	16	8
James Jones, wainage of ditto - - - -	22	6	8
Colin Thomson, gunpowder furnished the militia -	12	10	0
Doctor Samuel Bell, two years attendance Cornwall gaol -	100	0	0
William Pranch, hire of negroes for Fort-Augusta -	102	10	0
Chetworthy Dobbin, ditto pioneers 5th Irish brigade -	45	6	8
William McRobbie, ditto ditto - - - -	119	0	0
Abraham Melhado, ditto 13th light dragoons - -	19	16	8
John Fitzpatrick, ditto 3d Irish brigade - -	35	6	8
Contingent account 3d Irish brigade - - - -	8	0	0
Lodging-money, officers ditto - - - -	118	3	6
G g g			Lodging-

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Lodging-money, officers 17th light dragoons	49	15	5
Grace Mechem, for hire mess-house 3d brigade	29	6	0
George Robert Johnson, for wood 17th light dragoons	90	13	4
Benjamin Tenison, water for ditto	116	0	0
Robert Thompson, hire of boats 13th light dragoons	20	0	0
David Ross, hire of pioneers 3d Irish brigade	92	10	0
Terence M'Dermot, ditto	18	10	0
Doctor Lind, surgeon to forces, subsistence and lodging	53	0	0
Doctor Lempriere, late surgeon to ditto, in full	24	0	0
Lieutenant P. Powney, for contingencies artillery	24	15	3
Surgeon Clough, lodging-money	20	0	0
Lieutenant-colonel M'Dermott, hire of pioneers 3d brigade	25	0	0
William Pike, quartermaster 5th Irish brigade	504	6	5
Sylvester Cotter, for detachment 83d	278	0	6
Robert Thomson, carriage of baggage; sundry regiments, 1303 <i>l.</i> —390 <i>l.</i> 17 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> —70 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> —502 <i>l.</i> 12 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> —64 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> —28 <i>l.</i>	2359	17	6
William Collins and company, hire of carts and horses for sundry regiments, &c. 121 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> —13 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> —405 <i>l.</i> —36 <i>l.</i> —31 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i>	724	10	0
George Abrams Shaw, hire of carts 62d regiment	96	0	0
Ditto 63d ditto	261	0	0
John Macdonald, ditto for fundries, 131 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> —99 <i>l.</i> —59 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i>	290	0	0
William Collett, cart and mules 63d regiment	80	0	0
Robert Thomson, dray, &c. 3d brigade	21	11	8½
Clot. Dobbin, hire pioneers, &c. 46th regiment	233	6	8
Thomas Cockburn, hire pioneers 3d brigade	104	0	0
Benjamin Whittaker, hire ditto 17th dragoons	25	6	8
James Baker, hire boats ditto	15	0	0
Commander in chief, keeping arms clean	262	17	10
conductor of stores	30	0	0
Surgeon Robinson, 20th light dragoons	100	0	0
Elizabeth Watson, labour for wood and water 83d regiment	80	10	0
Treasurer Trelawny workhouse, ditto detachment regulars	516	4	2
Treasurer St. James's ditto, carrying provisions and baggage 83d regi- ment	271	15	0
Churchwardens ditto, advances for use of the troops	193	7	11½
William Finch, hire pioneers 3d Irish brigade	32	10	0
David Ross, negro-hire for adjutant-general's office	12	15	0
G. R. Johnson, supplies detachment 13th light dragoons	180	0	0
Elizabeth Collins, pioneer hire 17th light dragoons	35	17	6
Sarah M'Sherr, ditto ditto	71	15	0
Sarah Saunders, ditto ditto	35	17	6
Officers royal artillery, lodging-money	322	18	11
Commanding officer 83d regiment, contingent account	125	14	2
John Morison, lodgings furnished detachment 62d	43	6	8
Major Gould, barrack-master	182	10	0
Ditto, pay and lodging-money	63	0	0
Walter Johnson, lodging-money	20	0	0
Lieutenant-colonel M'Murdo, pay and lodging-money	102	0	0
Commanding officer 4th battallion 60th regiment, contingent account	57	9	5

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
John Davidson, wharfage 17th light dragoons	8	18	4
Mark Howard, wainage convalescents army	33	0	0
John Henderson, boatage and waggonage 3d and 5th Irish brigade	113	5	0
James Dean, freight, wharfage, and negro-hire troops	20	16	8
Commanding officer 63d regiment, contingent account	129	0	10
Officers 20th light dragoons, lodging-money	435	16	2
G. A. Shaw, cart and mule hire 62d regiment	57	15	0
John Spencer, waggonage convalescent soldiers	145	0	0
Major-general Bowyer, pay and lodging	38	0	0
Captain Campbell, his aid-de-camp, lodging	17	10	0
Patrick Mitchell, hospital account 63d regiment	98	11	1
Martha Thomas, hire pioneers	731	0	10
Treasurer Kingston workhouse, ditto	68	15	0
Ditto, ditto to draw water	94	5	0
John McDonald, cart and mule hire 4th battalion 60th regiment	136	10	0
Commanding officer 13th light dragoons, contingent account	351	9	7
Commanding officer 20th light dragoons, ditto	486	8	6
Commander in chief, for hire of pioneers	416	0	0
Officers of 63d regiment, for lodging-money	413	8	2
William Mitchell, sundries furnished during martial law	235	13	4
James Grant, a maroon officer, Charles-Town	19	10	0
Doctors Brodbelt and Lee	100	0	0
Nicholas Lechmere, gun-carriages militia	305	2	4
John Christie, executor of Hardie, printing	32	7	6
Committee of Botanic Gardens	800	0	0
Clerk to ditto	200	0	0
Commissioners of the Bath	100	0	0
Doctor Thomas Dancer	200	0	0
Cloathing, &c. negroes belonging to Bath	100	0	0
Hire of white gardener, &c.	200	0	0
Order of the council	274	15	0
Thomas Wills, care of pew	25	0	0
Ditto, for two cloths and a cushion	100	0	0
James Stewart, deputy-marshal	167	1	0
Simon Adolphus, island coach	22	10	0
G. F. Coward, deputy-marshal	163	17	6
Richard Main, beef supplied the militia	86	11	8
Jeremiah Black, clothing 60 confidential slaves	45	15	0
John Pinau, hire of negroes on public service	95	2	1
Pl il. Ang. Scarlett	56	2	1
George Atkinson, island secretary	563	15	0
Alexander Aikman, printer	2885	8	6
Stevenson and Aikman	244	15	10
T. Stevenson, executor of D. Dickson	260	6	3
H. Frazer, deputy-marshal	184	18	2
James Fannin	214	0	0
Doctor A. Watt, hire of pioneers 83d regiment	42	14	2
John Benzie, refreshments 17th and 20th light dragoons	17	18	6
James McDermot, hire pioneers 3d Irish brigade	18	10	0

John

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
John Henderson, hire of pioneers 5th Irish brigade	-	9	6 - 8
Alexander Clackar, hospital 83d regiment	-	73	3 11
Robert Thomson, removing baggage	-	84	6 2
Justices and vettry Westmorland, wood furnished 13th light dragoons	132	15	0
Officers 83d regiment, lodging	233	11	8
Honourable major Brown, pioneers 13th light dragoons	547	10	0
John Spens Munro, water for troops Fort-Augusta	96	6	8
Commissioners of accounts, for regimental hospitals	4000	0	0
Benjamin Tenison, water 13th light dragoons	128	0	0
John Newland, supplying water troops Fort-Charles	677	11	8
William Tomlinson, supplies to 62d regiment, and disbursements to troops	560	18	0
20th light dragoons, pay, and additional pay from 25th May	24,001	16	0
Charles Douglas, superintendant Moore Town, lodging	50	0	0
James Lewis, for office-rent, pens, ink, and paper	140	0	0
Thomas Wills, care of books, &c.	40	0	0
Trelawny-Town maroons, ten, at 10/ each	100	0	0
Thomas Maule, superintendant Scott's Hall, lodging	50	0	0
Kingston hospital	1,000	0	0
James Robertson, interest of 2500 <i>l.</i>	150	0	0
Robert Sewell, esquire, five thousand stand arms	14,000	0	0
William Dawes Quarrell, remittance for maroons	6,000	0	0
Committee for revising the minutes	4,901	7	6
John Stone	25	0	0
St. Ann's great road	1,000	0	0
Doctor Higgins, and copies of plates	1,577	10	0
<i>Forts, fortifications, and public buildings:</i>			
Captain John Veitch, feeding and cloathing four pioneers, Fort-George	59	3	9
Ditto, gunpowder and fundries furnished ditto	49	6	8
David Ross, water supplied Apofiles-Battery	25	0	7½
Cuninghame, Fergusson, and company, fundries for ordnance department	231	10	1½
William Edmondstone, fundries supplied armory	7	15	0
Robert Pitcairn, making arm-chests	45	0	0
Adam Dolmage, island store-keeper, salary	500	0	0
Andrew Ross, captain Apofiles-Battery	210	0	0
	121	13	4
	182	10	0
William Frazer, island engineer	50	0	0
John Henry Schroeter, captain Fort-Balcarres	218	17	6
William Ross, captain Fort-Haldane	103	0	0
Ditto, a year's pay as captain	121	13	4
James Dismore Pinnock, captain Fort-Lindsay	171	13	4
Isaac Lafcelles Winn, painting Montego-Bay barracks	35	0	0
John Welsh, captain Fort-Small	114	13	4
Donald Campbell, captain Fort-Montego, pay and disbursements	287	10	8
Ditto, for keeping arms and field-pieces, and repairs	102	13	4
Commissioners of forts, &c. shifting powder	600	0	0

Robert

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Robert Jackson, captain Fort-Charlotte, pay and lodging	150	0	4
Commissioners of the board of works	11,521	15	0
	107,467	6	9

CONTINGENCIES UNDER VARIOUS BILLS:

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
The lieutenant-governor's additional salary	4,500	0	0
Subsistence of the troops	60,000	0	0
Speaker's salary	1,000	0	0
Officers subsistence and lodging-money	15,000	0	0
Secretary commissioners of accounts	700	0	0
Clerk of board of works	570	0	0
Interest of money borrowed at 10 per cent.	32,500	0	0
Provision for the clergy	8,400	0	0
Receiver-general's commissions	7,000	0	0
Condemnation of slaves, and increase	3,500	0	0
Inspectors and collectors rum duties	1,700	0	0
Gunpowder ordered	16,800	0	0
Maroons	8,400	0	0
	160,270	0	0
Expences of the army	43,165	0	8
Forts and fortifications	14,988	16	4
Annual grants and contingencies	49,313	9	9
Supposed may be further granted	2,462	13	3
	210,000	0	0

Examinations of sundry collecting constables, and their representatives, taken on oath, at sundry meetings of the board, held 7th, 8th, 12th, and 13th December.

Mr. T. Holcombe, administrator of Humphry Cole, late collecting constable of St. Andrew's, sworn: Says, he is ready to pay 256*l* 12*s*. 9*d*. due for 1794 arrearages; also 263*l* 13*s* 4*d*. for 1794 quit-rents.

Examinations of collecting constables.

Humphry Cole owes, for arrearages of 1795, 1834*l*. 17*s*. 4*d*. and for 1796, 2916*l*. 10*s*. 10*d*.: That an arrearage-roll has been delivered to the present collecting constable, for 3244*l*. 0*s*. 3*d*. which will come to Mr. Cole's credit, against 2000*l*. or thereabouts, due by him on account of the above arrears: That, for the balance remaining due, his bonds have been delivered to the solicitor of the crown, to be put in suit: He believes about 20 per cent. may be good, and may be collected in about two years, but not without coercion.

William Hewitt Isaell, collecting constable of Clarendon, and surety to James Smith, deceased, sworn: The said James Smith is charged with 3636*l*. 17*s*. 8*d* for 1796 taxes; says there will be reliefs for the amount of about 400*l*.: That an arrearage-roll for 1796, and former years, has been delivered to him, for 3496*l*. 4*s*. including the surcharge of 10 per cent.; out of which there has been collected 728*l*. 19*s*. 5*d*. and paid into office, since 3th September: That he believes the remainder will be good, and may be collected in about two years: Says, the rolls for 1797 amount to 17,620*l*. out of which he paid 15,275*l*. previous to 30th September, including

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cluding deductions, and has paid 400*l.* since; and he believes that more than one half of the remainder will be good, and may be collected in 18 months or 2 years: Discharged.

Mr. W. Pearson, St. Dorothy's, sworn: Has paid 180*l.* since 30th September; he now owes, as collecting constable, including 1797, 824*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.*; he conceives that his arrearage-roll will be all good, except about 60*l.* reliefs, and may be received in the course of next crop: Discharged.

Mr. J. McKay sworn, owes for 1796, 6*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* and for 1797, 6594*l.* 18*s.* 5*d.*; presented an arrearage-roll for 1796, amounting to 3614*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*; the whole of which he believes will be good, except a small sum of 56*l.* which he expects will be relieved: That in respect to the taxes for 1797, he has reliefs for 1549*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*: That he has ready to pay in, about 2500*l.* and expects the whole of 1796 arrears will be cleared by 1st September next, and probably within about 1000*l.* of the taxes of 1797: Discharged.

Mr. Bowen sworn: Owes for 1796, 4056*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* and for 1797, 8322*l.* 16*s.* 1*d.*; the former sum is paid since 30th September last, and has paid of the latter, since September, about 5000*l.*: That he has an arrearage-roll to collect, to a larger amount than the balance, nearly the whole of which he expects will be good, and collected by 1st August next: Discharged.

Mr. Whittaker sworn: Owes 2646*l.* 13*s.* for 1796, and 52*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* for 1797; says that he expects reliefs and had debts to the amount of about 600*l.* upon both sums, and believes to be enabled to make a payment by the month of March next, to the amount of one half of the whole, and to clear the rolls by September: Discharged.

Mr. Payley sworn: Owes, as collecting constable for St. Catherine, 807*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.* for 1796, and 1501*l.* 15*s.* for 1797; has paid 500*l.* on account of 1796, since 30th September last, and presumes the most part of the remainder will be good; supposes there will be 300*l.* or 400*l.* reliefs for 1797, and he hopes to pay the remainder into office, by July next.

Ditto, for St. Thomas in the Vale: Owes 1115*l.* 13*s.* 9*d.* for arrearages 1796, whereof 90*l.* was paid this morning; owes 1897*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.* for 1797, of which he supposes about 15*l.* for reliefs, and that the remainder will be good: Discharged.

R. B. Wright sworn: Owes 5004*l.* 8*s.* for 1796, and 4911*l.* 5*s.* 11*d.* for 1797; has paid 500*l.* since 3th September, on the 1797 rolls, and expects about 1000*l.* reliefs thereon; also expects reliefs to upwards of 1000*l.* on the arrearages; he hopes to close the said rolls by 1st September next, also to close 1797 rolls by September next: 6507*l.* 6*s.* 1*d.* appears charged for quit-rent rolls, whereon there is about 4700*l.* due; he believes that most part of this sum will be relieved: Discharged.

Mr. Holcombe declares that Mr. Mellor has paid off all arrears; viz. that he has paid 1172*l.* 3*s.* 7*d.*; by reliefs to the amount of 59*l.*; and the rest in paper and money: That there remains due by him, 1202*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.* for 1797, subject to reliefs; which may be to an amount of about 40*l.* or 500*l.*: Mr. Mellor discharged.

Mr. Shaw, of St. Ann's, charged for 1795, 1796, and 1797, 1346*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* for quit-rents; has paid this morning 300*l.* on account; thinks that the remainder will be subject to very great deficiency, from the manner of giving-in; there being many names upon the rolls not now in existence, and whose lands have been conveyed to others: Appears to owe 5021*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* for 1796, and 10,276*l.* 1*s.* 5*d.* for 1797: Says, that his rolls for 1797 amounted to 19,357*l.* out of which he has paid

paid 957⁸/₁l. previous to 30th September; that he has paid this day 852¹/₂l. on account of arrears; that he has reliefs for 1000⁰/₁l. and has other discharges to the amount of 1039¹/₂l. on account of arrearages: Discharged.

Charles William Hall sworn: 3283¹/₂l. 6s. 4¹/₂d. due for 1797; has about 350⁰/₁l. to pay in this morning, and has reliefs to about the same amount, thinks that about 2000⁰/₁l. of the remainder will be good; expects to make payments of a material part, on or before the 1st May, and the remainder by the 1st August next: Discharged.

Samuel Tulloch, St. John's, about 2087¹/₂l. 8s. due for 1797, whereof he has 500⁰/₁l. ready to pay in; he expects reliefs to the amount of 833¹/₂l.: That, of the balance of 774¹/₂l. he conceives the whole to be good, and hopes to pay it in by the month of June next, except about 100⁰/₁l. which he thinks will prove bad, from death: Discharged.

Alexander Duffus, West Kingston, owes 3066¹/₂l. 13s. 10⁰/₁d. for 1797; paid 2474¹/₂l. including discount and commission, previous to September; expects to receive reliefs, which he estimates at 480⁰/₁l.; he has received, since 20th August last, 602¹/₂l. which he is ready to pay in: Says, that there are taxes outstanding for 1070⁰/₁l. all considered good, and will probably be collected and paid in by March next: Discharged.

List of collecting constables who have not appeared, according to the order of the house.

Thomas Harris	Edward Chambers	Anthony Burke
William Cumming	William Tomlinson	John Ridley
William Brown	Thomas Tomlinson	Henry Randall
Robert Whitninch	Will. & Thos. Tomlinson	Henry Goulburn.

ACCOUNT of *slaves, stock, land, and poll-tax rolls.* 1797,

<i>Parishes.</i>	<i>Slaves.</i>	<i>Stock.</i>	<i>Arrears.</i>	<i>Land tax.</i>			<i>Poll-tax.</i>		
				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
St. Andrew's - -	12.075	4,602	109 388	2,734	14	0	6.660	15	0
St. Ann's - -	19 067	25 628	212 230	5,305	15	0	13 252	15	0
St. Catherine's -	6 265	5 221	63,734	1,593	7	0	6 036	5	0
Clarendon - -	19.312	15,718	210,112	5,252	16	0	11,879	0	0
St. David's - -	4 239	1,439	34,753	858	6	6	2,317	7	6
St. Dorothy's - -	4,633	3,543	56 035	900	17	6	2,885	2	6
St. Elizabeth's - -	15 595	28 014	319,341	7 983	10	6	11,091	3	0
St. George's - -	8 751	5,279	99,097	2,477	8	6	5,085	12	6
Hanover - - -	22,425	15,397	108,459	2 711	9	6	13,695	2	6
St. James's - -	24 338	14,620	159,794	3,994	17	0	15,767	2	6
St. John's - -	5 990	2 616	71,333	1 783	6	6	3,322	0	0
Kingston - - -	5 556	674	7,532	188	6	0	12 631	10	0
St. Mary's - -	25 049	17,126	114,352	2,850	1	0	14 925	5	0
Portland - - -	6 383	2,709	53 521	1,338	0	6	3,670	12	6
Port-Royal - -	3 100	524	20 176	504	8	0	2 046	17	6
St. Thomas in the East	24 815	12,354	145 370	3,634	5	0	14 275	15	0
St. Thomas in the Vale	9,586	6,128	80,282	2,007	1	0	5 623	0	0
Trelawny - -	26,649	16,445	165,045	4,126	2	6	16 532	1	6
Vere - - -	10,161	8 164	75 849	1 896	4	6	6 371	13	4
Westmorland - -	19,455	19,119	157,433	3,935	16	6	13 081	7	6
	273,444	205,320	2,243,846	56 096	3	0	181,951	7	10

Slaves, stock, &c. on
tax rolls.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, reported,

Report from com-
mittee of accounts.

That they had re-examined the accounts of John Newland and James Baker, sent back for their consideration, from the house, amounting together to 1054¹/₂l.; and find, that

that the proportion thereof, which ought to be paid by the country, for the supply of white troops quartered at Fort-Augusta, for water and boat-hire, is 65*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* which the committee are of opinion, ought to be paid to the said John Newland:

That they had examined, with all the attention in their power, the various accounts sent down by the house, for pioneers for the use of his majesty's troops quartered in this island; and find, that the whole amount of days for one pioneer is 23,203: of which it appears, that 1958 days of one pioneer were for the 3d Irish brigade, 3887 ditto were for the 5th ditto, and 1632 ditto were for the 40th regiment; making in all, 7477 days:

These three regiments left this island previous to the augmentation of the pay of the army taking place, and the country therefore is entitled to no more than at the rate of 6*d.* sterling *per diem* for these pioneers, which amounts to 186*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* sterling: The remaining number of days being 15,726, from the 25th November, 1796, to 25th May, 1797, when the augmentation of pay took place, is only charged at the rate of 6*a.* sterling *per diem*, and amounts to 393*l.* 5*s.* sterling:

From the 25th May to the 25th November, the British pay having been augmented at the former date, the number of days is charged at the rate of 8*a.* sterling, and amounts to 524*l.* 4*s.* sterling: These three sums together, make 1104*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* sterling, to be refunded by the British government to this country, conformably to the agreement entered into by his honour the lieutenant governor, with the commissioners for public works, allowing the British pay of a soldier for each pioneer, employed for the service of the troops quartered in this island.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

“ MR. SPEAKER,

Message from lieutenant-governor, with

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to lay before the house, an estimate of the augmented pay of the non-commissioned officers, trumpeters, and privates, of the 20th light dragoons, agreeably to their message of yesterday.”

Estimate of augmented pay of 20th light dragoons.

An estimate of the augmented pay of the sergeants, corporals, trumpeters, and privates, of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, agreeably to his majesty's warrant, bearing date 25th July last, and the orders of his majesty, signified by the right honourable William Windham, secretary at war, bearing date, War-Office, 12th June, 1797.

					<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
18 sergeants, at 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ <i>d.</i> <i>per diem</i>	-	-	-		0	7	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
18 corporals, at 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ <i>d.</i> <i>ditto</i>	-	-	-		0	6	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
6 trumpeters, at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ <i>d.</i> <i>ditto</i>	-	-	-		0	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
264 privates, at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ <i>d.</i> <i>ditto</i>	-	-	-		4	2	6
For one day, sterling	-	-	-		4	17	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
And for one year, sterling	-	-	-		1786	4	4 $\frac{1}{2}$

Ordered,

That the above four reports, and message and estimate, be referred to the committee of the whole house, to enquire into and take further into consideration the state of the island.

Then the house resolved itself into such committee:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr.

Mr. Fullerton took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Fullerton, from the committee, reported thirteen resolutions, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house, and are as follows:

Committee on state
of the island report
13 resolutions.

1. That it be recommended to the house, to appoint a committee, to prepare an humble address to the king, to thank his majesty for having graciously been pleased to give directions to the governor of this his majesty's island of Jamaica, to recommend to the council and assembly, to adopt such measures as shall appear to them best calculated to obviate the causes that have hitherto impeded the natural increase of the negroes, and most conducive to their moral and religious improvement: To assure his majesty that the assembly is anxious to proceed with effect, but at the same time with prudence, in enacting the most salutary laws for the government of the negroes: That the assembly, this session, has passed two bills; the one to promote the humane and beneficent views of the British legislature, in removing the evils attending the middle passage, and to obviate one of the causes that have hitherto impeded the natural increase of the negroes, and the other, as highly conducive to their moral and religious improvement: That the first of these two bills grants to his majesty a heavy duty, which will operate as a prohibition, on all imported negroes above twenty-five years old; and gives a power to the magistrates of every parish, where negroes may be imported and sold, to appoint proper officers to inspect the negroes before they can be landed, and to report to the receiver-general such as they may find of that description on board: Oaths are required, and severe penalties are inflicted, to enforce these regulations: That the assembly knows from long experience, that young negroes are more easily reformed and corrected of the vicious habits they imbibe in Africa, and are more successfully instructed in the principles of morality and religion, and brought to a life of industry, than when grown up to manhood; because in their own country they are accustomed, except at particular times, to a life of idleness: That the second of these bills places the clergy of this island on the most respectable footing: It raises their stipends to 270*l.* sterling *per annum*, besides their glebe (which in some parishes is very considerable), their surplice-fees, and other emoluments, which, from time to time, have been granted them; and it provides an ample fund for the support of their widows and orphan children: That, in consideration of these great advantages, the clergy is by this bill enjoined to instruct in the doctrines of the Christian religion, such negroes as may be willing to be baptized, on every Sunday, and at a time to be appointed by the rectors: That the assembly have to lay at the foot of his majesty's throne, a law passed in 1748, granting ecclesiastical jurisdiction to the bishop of London; but to represent that this jurisdiction has never been exercised: That the assembly is anxious to see the same placed in the hands of his majesty's representative in this island, and prays that a power be vested in him, to censure, suspend, or remove, any clergyman who may be complained against, in such a manner, and according to such regulations, as shall hereafter be provided for by the legislature of Jamaica; with a right of appeal, in case of removal, to any court in Great-Britain his majesty may be pleased to approve: That the assembly can with truth assure his majesty, that no opportunity, no circumstance, which may enable the assembly to make further provisions, to secure to every person in this island the certain, immediate, and active protection of the law, in proportion to their improvement in morality and religion, shall be neglected; but that the assembly must at the same time declare, that they are actuated by motives of humanity only, and not with any view to the termination of the

slave-trade: That the right of obtaining labourers from Africa is secured to his majesty's faithful subjects in this colony, by several British acts of parliament, and by several proclamations of his majesty's royal ancestors; that they, or their predecessors, have emigrated and settled in Jamaica under the most solemn promises of this (absolutely necessary) assistance, and that the assembly can never give up, or do any act that may render doubtful, this essential right: That the assembly have the utmost reliance on his majesty's paternal goodness, that this right shall remain inviolate, as long as they shall remain faithful to his majesty, and true to the allegiance they owe to the imperial crown of Great-Britain:

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Cuthbert, and Mr. Redwood, be a committee for that purpose.

2. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, directing the receiver-general to remit forthwith, to Robert Sewell, esquire, agent for this island, the sum of 6000*l.* sterling, to pay such bills as may be drawn on him by the governor of Nova-Scotia, on account of the ten pounds sterling granted for each of the maroons, for their subsistence from the 22d July, 1797, to the 22d July, 1798, and for the expence of remitting the said sum to England.

3. That it be recommended to the house, to come to the following resolution; *viz.*

That this house will, on no account whatever, provide any more money for the subsistence of the maroons transported by this country, and received in Nova-Scotia by the government of that province.

4. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to lay before him a copy of the report of this day, relating to the 1 relawny maroons; and to request that he will be pleased to communicate the same to the duke of Portland, sir John Wentworth, and Mr. Quarrell; and also that he will be pleased to transmit to sir John Wentworth, the act of this island, passed on the first day of May, 1796, banishing the maroons from Jamaica, and making it felony, without benefit of clergy, for them to return, or for any person to receive them here.

5. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 654*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* to John Newland, in full of his account for water and boat-hire, supplied the white troops quartered at Fort-Augusta, as by his petition to the house this session.

6. That it be recommended to the house, to send a message to his honour the lieutenant-governor, with a copy of the report from the committee of accounts, on the subject of the pioneers; and requesting that his honour will be pleased to give credit in the account for the pay and subsistence of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, for the sum of 1124*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* sterling, being the amount of the British pay for the pioneers employed for the use of his majesty's forces quartered in this island, conformably to the agreement made by his honour for that purpose, with the commissioners of public works.

7. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 3000*l.* to the order of the commissioners of the board of works, towards building the gaol of the county of Surrey.

8. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll tax bill, for paying the sum of 5258*l.* to the order of the commissioners of the board of works, for the repairs of sundry barracks and public buildings, reported by the committee of the board to be necessary.

9. That

9. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 3263*l.* 15*s.* to the order of the commissioners of the board of works, for repairs of the barracks at Old Maroon-Town, Trelawny, and Westmorland, reported by the sub-committees to be necessary.

10. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying the sum of 8417*l.* 4*s.* 14*d.* to the order of the commissioners of the board of works, for completing the contract to erect lord Rodney's statue, and the buildings belonging thereto, agreeably to the report of the late commissioners.

11. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the naval officer, the sum of 70*l.* for his trouble in preparing and making sundry returns from his office, agreeably to the orders of the house, and of committees thereof.

12. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of the commissioners of the board of works, for the use of Robert Ross, esquire, the sum of 1100*l.* with interest from the 2d May, 1796, upon his executing a good and sufficient title to his majesty, his heirs and successors, for the use of the public of this island, for the land, his property, on which the dragoon stables are erected.

13. That it be recommended to the house, to direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill, for paying to the order of James Smith, the sum of 566*l.* 10*s.* 5*d.* being the amount of his account of contingent expences, incurred by order of the commissioners of public accounts.

The house adjourned for a quarter of an hour :

And being met ;

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble address to his majesty, reported the same, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table ; where being again read ;

Resolved,

That the said address be committed to a committee of the whole house, immediately.

Then the house resolved itself into such committee :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Shirley took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Shirley, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the address, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table ; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house :

Ordered,

That the said address, with the amendments, be engrossed.

Engrossed.

The house, according to order, resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages ; and applying the same to several uses :

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Johnston took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr.

Report progress.

Mr. Johnson, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through a part of the said bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Then Mr. Johnson acquainted the house, that the committee had directed him to move the house for leave to sit again:

Resolved,

That this house will again, to-morrow, resolve itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the said bill.

Motion for address to the king, recommending the earl of Balcarres to his majesty's favour.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to prepare an humble address to his majesty, representing the high sense this house entertains of the many services done to this island, by the right honourable Alexander earl of Balcarres, our lieutenant-governor, and to express the earnest wish of the house, that his majesty will be graciously pleased to bestow upon him some mark of his royal favour, such as his majesty in his wisdom shall think proper;

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Redwood, be a committee for that purpose.

Resolution for quarterly grant to doctor Higgins, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Tuesday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying to Bryan Higgins, M. D. the sum of 350*l.* per quarter, commencing the 1st day of January, 1798, and to continue until the 31st day of December following, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Resolution for the purchase of plates to doctor Higgins's treatise, agreed to.

The resolution moved in the house on Tuesday last, that it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, for paying to the order of Alexander Aikman, the sum of 177*l.* 10*s.* for the engraving of five plates, and throwing off one thousand copies of each plate, to be annexed to the treatise of doctor Higgins, printed by order of the house, having lain three days on the table, agreeably to the rule of the house, and being again read, was agreed unto by the house.

Ordered,

Vote to the clerk of the house, for hire of clerks.

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying to James Lewis, esquire, clerk to the house, the sum of 300*l.* to reimburse him the expence for the hire of clerks.

Ordered,

Vote to sergeant at arms, for extra attendance.

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying to Benjamin Lyon, esquire, sergeant at arms, the sum of 150*l.* for his extraordinary attendance on the house this session.

Ordered,

Vote to T. Wills, for extra attendance.

That it be an instruction to the committee of the whole house, to whom the poll-tax bill stands referred, to receive a clause for paying the sum of 50*l.* to Thomas Wills, for his extraordinary attendance on the house this session.

Ordered,

That the members of the several counties, be a committee in each county,

to attend doctor Higgins, during the recess of the assembly, in making his proposed improvements in the manufacture of sugar and rum; and that the commissioners in the respective parishes of these counties, appointed by a resolution of the house last session, and the representatives of each parish, be a sub-committee in their respective parishes, for the aforesaid purpose; and that the said county committees do report their opinion respectively thereon, to the house.

Committees appointed to attend doctor Higgins.

Ordered,

That all persons to whom the public now are, or may be in future, indebted, by certificates of any kind, or pay-bills, do render to the commissioners appointed by law, for stating and settling the public accounts, at their office in Kingston, on or before the 28th day of February, the 28th day of May, the 28th day of August, and the 28th day of November next, a particular state of their demands:

Public creditors to render accounts of certificates quarterly.

Ordered,

That the above resolution of the house be published in the Royal Gazette, for one month.

Two messages from the council, by their clerk, as follows:

First message.

“MR. SPEAKER,

“I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the bill entitled, ‘An act for the ease and relief of jurors and suitors of the supreme and certain other courts within this island; and for other purposes,’ with the following amendments:

Message from council on court bill.

“In the 15th line from the top of the first sheet, dele the word ‘December,’ and insert the word ‘January.’

“In the 11th line from the top of the third sheet, dele the word ‘repeated,’ and insert the word ‘inserted.’”

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the amendments proposed by the council to the said bill.

Second message.

“MR. SPEAKER,

“I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the bill entitled ‘An act for putting the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment, with the following amendment:

Message from council on Annotto-Bay fort bill.

“In the 4th line from the bottom of the sheet, after the word ‘any,’ dele all the following words, to the end of the clause; and, in place thereof, insert the following words, ‘five of them (one of the council, and three of the assembly, being always part of that number) shall have full power and authority, jointly with his honour the lieutenant-governor, or the governor or commander in chief for the time being, to order the digging up and carrying away sand or earth, or collecting, blowing up, and carrying away, stones, for the use of the same fort, out of the land of any person whatsoever, making the proprietor or proprietors a reasonable compensation for the same, as also for any damages or injury that may arise to such proprietor or proprietors, by reason or means of the digging up of sand or earth, or collecting or blowing up of stones, or carrying away such materials.’”

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Resolved,

Resolved,

That the house do agree to the amendment proposed by the council to the said bill.

Ordered,

Leave to Mr. Henry to petition council.

That Mr. Henry have leave to petition the council, on the passage of the bill to enable the justices and vestry of the parish of St. Ann, to lay and assess a tax on the inhabitants of the said parish, for the recovery of a certain charitable donation.

Ordered,

Leave of absence to Mr. Mowat and Mr. Anderson,

That Mr. Mowat and Mr. Anderson have leave of absence, for the remainder of the session.

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Aikman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, *Speaker.*

Americis, 22^o die Decembris, 1797.

THE engrossed address to his majesty was read, in the words following:

“ TO THE KING’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY;

“ *The humble address of the assembly of Jamaica.*

“ MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

Engrossed address to his majesty passed.

“ We, your majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, the assembly of Jamaica, beg leave to return your majesty our thanks, for having graciously been pleased to give directions to the governor of this your majesty’s island, to recommend to the council and assembly to adopt such measures, as shall appear to them best calculated to obviate the causes, that have hitherto impeded the natural increase of the negroes, and most conducive to their moral and religious improvement; and to assure your majesty, that we are anxious to proceed with effect, but at the same time with prudence, in enacting the most salutary laws for the government of the negroes.

“ We have this session passed two bills; the one to promote the humane and beneficent views of the British legislature, in removing the evils attending the middle passage, and to obviate one of the causes that have hitherto impeded the natural increase of the negroes, and the other as highly conducive to their moral and religious improvement: The first of these bills grants to your majesty a heavy duty, which will operate as a prohibition, on all imported negroes above twenty-five years of age, and gives a power to the magistrates of every parish, where negroes may be im-
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ported and sold, to appoint proper officers to inspect them before they can be landed, and to report to the receiver-general such as they may find of that description on board: Oaths are required, and severe penalties are inflicted, to enforce these regulations.

“ We know, from long experience, that young negroes are more easily reformed and corrected of the vicious habits they imbibe in Africa, and are more successfully instructed in the principles of morality and religion, and brought to a life of industry, than when grown up to manhood; because, in their own country they are accustomed, except at particular times, to a life of idleness: The second of these bills places the clergy of this island on the most respectable footing: It raises their stipends to 270*l.* sterling *per annum*, besides their glebe (which in some parishes is very considerable), their surplice-fees, and other emoluments which, from time to time, have been granted them; and it provides an ample fund for the support of their widows and orphan children. In consideration of these great advantages, the clergy are by this bill enjoined to instruct in the doctrines of the Christian religion, such negroes as may be willing to be baptized, on every Sunday, and at a time to be appointed by the rectors.

“ We have to lay at the foot of your majesty's throne, a law passed in 1748, granting ecclesiastical jurisdiction to the bishop of London; but to represent that this jurisdiction has never been exercised, and that we are anxious to see the same placed in the hands of your majesty's representative in this island; and we pray that a power be vested in him, to censure, suspend, or remove, any clergyman who may be complained against, in such a manner, and according to such regulations, as shall hereafter be provided for by the legislature of Jamaica, with a right of appeal, in case of removal, to any court in Great-Britain your majesty may be pleased to approve.

“ We can with truth assure your majesty, that no opportunity, no circumstance, which may enable the assembly of Jamaica to make further provisions, to secure to every person in this island, the certain, immediate, and active protection of the law, in proportion to their improvement in morality and religion, shall be neglected; but we must at the same time declare, that we are actuated by motives of humanity only, and not with any view to the termination of the slave-trade.

“ The right of obtaining labourers from Africa, is secured to your majesty's faithful subjects in this colony, by several British acts of parliament, and by several proclamations of your majesty's royal ancestors; they, or their predecessors, have emigrated and settled in Jamaica, under the most solemn promises of this (absolutely necessary) assistance; and they can never give up, or do any act that may render doubtful, this essential right.

“ We have the utmost reliance on your majesty's paternal goodness, that this right shall remain inviolate, as long as they shall remain faithful to your majesty, and true to the allegiance they owe to the imperial crown of Great-Britain.”

Resolved,

That the said address do pass.

Ordered,

That the two following messages be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

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First message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor, with report and resolutions about maroons.

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you a copy of the report made to the house, by the committee to whom your honour's messages of the 3d August and 1st November last, and the papers therewith severally sent, relative to the maroons at Halifax, were referred; and also copies of two resolutions of the house thereon; and to request that you will be pleased to communicate the same to the duke of Portland, sir John Wentworth, and Mr. Quarrell; and also that your honour will be pleased to transmit to sir John Wentworth, the act of this island, passed on the 1st day of May, 1796, for banishing the maroons from Jamaica, and making it felony, without benefit of clergy, for them to return, or for any person to receive them here."

Second message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor, with report on pioneers.

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you a copy of a report from the committee, appointed for stating and settling the public accounts, on the subject of the pioneers; and to request that your honour will be pleased to give credit, in the account for the pay and subsistence of the 20th regiment of light dragoons, for the sum of 1104l. 5s. 6d sterling, being the amount of the British pay for the pioneers employed for the use of his majesty's forces quartered in this island, conformably to the agreement made by your honour for that purpose, with the commissioners of public works."

Ordered,

That Mr. Shirley, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Lyon, Mr. W. Ross, Mr. Hering, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Macleod, and Mr. Barnett, be a committee to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor with the above address, and two messages, and to desire he will be pleased to transmit the address to his majesty, in the most acceptable manner; who returning, reported the delivery thereof, and that his honour was pleased to say, he would transmit it by the earliest opportunity, in the most acceptable manner.

Ordered,

That the two following messages be sent to the council :

First message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council on court bill.

"We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the amendments proposed by your honours to the bill entitled, 'An act for the ease and relief of jurors and suitors of the supreme and certain other courts within this island; and for other purposes,' and have amended the bill accordingly."

Second message.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

Message to council on Annotto-Bay fort bill.

"We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have agreed to the amendment proposed by your honours to the bill entitled, 'An act for putting the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment,' and have amended the bill accordingly."

Ordered,

Ordered,

That Mr. Redwood and Mr. G. Fuller be a committee to carry the above two messages, and bills, to the council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Mr. Cuthbert, from the committee, appointed to prepare an humble address to his majesty, reported the same, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table; where being again read; Address to the king presented;

Ordered,

That the said address be engrossed.

Engrossed.

The house adjourned for a quarter of an hour:

Adjournment.

And being met;

The engrossed address to his majesty was read, in the words following:

“ TO THE KING’S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY;

“ *The humble address of the assembly of Jamaica.*

“ MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

“ We, your majesty’s most dutiful and loyal subjects, the assembly of the island of Jamaica, taking into our consideration the many eminent services of Alexander earl of Balcarres, whereby the honour of your majesty’s government, and the credit, safety, and welfare of this island, have been so greatly advanced, do, with all submission, address ourselves to your majesty’s person, humbly to desire that we may express to your majesty our high sense of such distinguished merit; and to request that your majesty will be graciously pleased to confer upon his lordship, some mark of your royal approbation and favour, in such manner as shall be most agreeable to your majesty.” Address to the king passed.

Resolved,

That the said address do pass:

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to the council:

Sent to the council for concurrence,

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

“ *The house having agreed to an humble address to his majesty, we are ordered to lay the same before your honours, and desire your concurrence.*”

Ordered,

That Mr. Cuthbert and Mr. Hering be a committee to carry the above message, and address, to the council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The house, according to order, again resolved itself into a committee of the whole house, upon the bill for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercar- Poll-tax bill reported. goes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses:

Mr. Speaker left the chair.

Mr. Fullerton took the chair of the committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Fullerton, from the committee, reported, that they had gone through the remaining part of the bill, and had made several amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and delivered in at the table, with the bill; where being again severally read, were agreed unto by the house:

Ordered,

Engrossed.

That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and that the title be, "*An act for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses.*"

Message from council on address to the King.

A message from the council, by their clerk, as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER,

"I am commanded by the council to acquaint the house, that they have agreed to the humble address to his majesty, sent them this day by the house, for their concurrence; and that they desire the house will be pleased to fill it up accordingly."

Ordered,

Address to be transmitted to agent.

That the commissioners of correspondence do transmit the humble address of the council and assembly to his majesty, to the agent, for the purpose of being presented to his majesty.

Ordered,

Message to council on address to the King.

That the following message be sent to the council:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURS,

"We are ordered by the house to acquaint you, that they have filled up the blanks, with the words 'council and,' in the humble address to his majesty, agreeably to your message of this day; and that they have instructed the commissioners of correspondence to transmit the same to the agent, for the purpose of being presented to his majesty."

Ordered

Message from lieutenant-governor,

That Mr. G. Fuller and Mr. Christie be a committee to carry the above message to the council; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows:

"MR. SPEAKER,

respecting carriage of army baggage.

"I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to state to the house, in reply to their message of yesterday,

"That the enormous expence, incurred for the carriage of baggage of the troops quartered in this island, cannot, in any great degree, be remedied in the military department; nor can the grievance complained of be essentially relieved, by any order that can issue from the commander in chief:

"His honour is of opinion, that the main root of the evil does not lie in a military line, although some arrangement of economy may there be introduced, so as to remedy the evil in part:

"His honour has commanded lieutenant-colonel M^r Murdo, the deputy quartermaster-general, to report to him upon the case, which report is now sent, for the consideration of the house.

"MY LORD,

Spanish-Town, Dec. 22, 1797.

"I am honoured with your orders, to lay before you my ideas respecting the cause
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of the enormous expence, attending the transporting of the baggage of troops, on marches in this country, and beg leave to submit what follows:

Deputy quartermaster-general's letter on the above.

' When a regiment or detachment, &c. is to be moved, on your lordship's order to me as deputy quartermaster-general, to provide carriages for their baggage, &c. my application is made to such persons as have the means, and are willing, to undertake the business, *for the country*; and here my duty ends.

' The necessary certificates of the work being effected (which should specify the number and kind of carriages that have been employed) are given by the officer commanding the regiment or detachment, or by the quartermaster; which, with the account made out, and sworn to by the person who has furnished the carriages, is brought before the house of assembly, with whom the power lies to tax the said account, in case of improper charges.

' I have further to state to your lordship, that having no authority whatever to contract or bargain for the country, I have, excepting in necessity, (which has happened in two or three cases of no great expence) avoided becoming responsible.

' I understand that the reasons given by the proprietors of carriages, for the very high charges, are, that payment is very long delayed; that there is considerable loss of time, and trouble, in attending during the session, to get accounts passed; and that there is a heavy discount on the island paper-issued to them.

' Permit me to add that, in my opinion, were some means devised to pay for the carriage of baggage with ready money, one third, at least, of the expence would be saved.

' I have the honour to be, MY LORD, your lordship's most obedient and most humble servant,

' CHARLES M'MURDO, D. Q. M. G.

' *The right honourable earl Balcarres, lieutenant-governor, &c. &c. &c.*"

Ordered,

That the above message, and the paper therewith sent, do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Mr. Shirley, in his place, moved for leave to bring in a bill to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island; which was received, and read the first time:

Bill for carriage of army baggage presented.

Ordered,

That the said bill be read a second time, this day.

The house adjourned for a quarter of an hour:

And being met;

Adjournment.

The engrossed bill for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses, was read the third time:

Poll-tax bill passed.

Resolved,

That the said bill do pass.

Ordered,

That Mr. Thompson, Mr. Grant, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Fitch, Mr. Reid, Mr. Finlayson, and Mr. R. Ross, be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

The bill to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island, was read a second time;

Bill for carriage of army baggage read second time.

Ordered,

- Ordered,
 Engrossed. That the said bill be engrossed.
- Adjournment. The house adjourned for a quarter of an hour:
 And being met;
- Bill for carriage of army baggage passed. The engrossed bill to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island, was read the third time:
 Resolved,
 That the said bill do pass:
 Ordered,
 That Mr. Shaw and Mr. Deans be a committee to carry the above engrossed bill to the council, and desire their concurrence thereto; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.
- Order for printing laws. Ordered,
 That the secretary of this island do cause the following laws, so soon as they shall have passed the several branches of the legislature, to be printed, by the printer to this house:
 “An act for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses:”—480 copies: One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate; one copy to the receiver-general; one copy to each of his deputies; and one copy to each collecting constable, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry.
 “An act to oblige the several inhabitants of this island to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children; or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing church-wardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections; and for applying the monies to arise by virtue of this act to several uses:”—480 copies: One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate; one copy to the receiver-general; one copy to each of his deputies; and one copy to each collecting constable, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry.
 “An act for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the same to several uses:”—480 copies: One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate; one copy to the receiver-general; one copy to each of his deputies; and one copy to each collecting constable, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry.
 “An act to explain and amend an act entitled, ‘An act to repeal an act entitled, “An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service;” and for regulating the manner of raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; and for appointing commissioners for that purpose:”—480 copies: One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate; one copy to the receiver-general; one copy to each of his deputies; and one copy to each collecting constable, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry.

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" *An act for laying a duty on all negroes that shall be imported into this island, from the coast of Africa, who shall be above a certain age; and for regulating the manner of ascertaining such age:*"—480 copies: One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate; one copy to the receiver general; one copy to each of his deputies; and one copy to each collecting constable, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry.

" *An act to repeal an act, passed in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty-four, entitled, 'An act to regulate the selling of gunpowder, and to prevent the selling of fire-arms to slaves;' and to prevent the improper use of gunpowder and fire-arms:*"—480 copies: One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate; one copy to the receiver-general; one copy to each of his deputies; and one copy to each collecting constable, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry.

" *An act for the more speedy collection of the public taxes, and the arrears thereof now due:*"—480 copies: One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate; one copy to the receiver-general; one copy to each of his deputies; and one copy to each collecting constable, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry.

" *An act for the better establishment of the clergy of this island; to oblige the justices and vestries to build a church, and a parsonage-house, in their respective parishes; and for establishing a fund, or provision, for the support and maintenance of the widows, and orphan children, of deceased clergymen:*"—480 copies: One copy whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; one copy to each magistrate; one copy to the receiver-general; one copy to each of his deputies; and one copy to each collecting constable, clerk of the peace, and clerk of the vestry.

" *An act to regulate the militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes respecting the said militia:*"—450 copies: Two copies whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; twelve copies to each colonel commanding a regiment or battalion of militia; one copy to each other field officer of the militia; and one copy to each captain of a troop of horse.

" *An act for establishing and declaring rules and articles of war:*"—450 copies: Two copies whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; twelve copies to each colonel commanding a regiment or battalion of militia; one copy to each other field officer of the militia; and one copy to each captain of a troop of horse.

" *An act in aid of the party law now in force, for the purpose of authorizing and empowering the commander in chief for the time being, to raise and fit out parties to go in pursuit of runaway slaves:*"—480 copies: Two copies whereof to be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor; one copy to each member of the council and assembly; twelve copies to each colonel commanding a regiment or battalion of militia; one copy to each other field officer of the militia; one copy to each captain of a troop of horse; and one copy to each churchwarden.

" *An act for raising several sums of money, and applying the same to several uses:*"—50 copies: One copy whereof to be sent to the receiver-general; two copies to each of his deputies; ten copies to the custom-house in Kingston; and two copies to each of the custom-houses at the out-ports.

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And

Order for publishing laws in the newspapers.

And that he do cause the following laws to be published in the Royal Gazette, the St. Jago Gazette, and the Cornwall Chronicle, for two weeks:

"An act to explain and amend an act entitled, 'An act to repeal an act entitled, 'An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service;' and for regulating the manner of raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; and for appointing commissioners for that purpose."

"An act for the ease and relief of jurors and suitors of the supreme and certain other courts within this island; and for other purposes."

"An act to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island."

Then the house adjourned till to-morrow morning, nine of the clock.

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Akman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, Speaker.

Sabbati, 23^o die Decembris, 1797.

ORDERED,

Call of the house.

That there be a call of the house this day.

Naval officer presents accounts ordered.

The house being informed that the naval officer attended at the door, he was called in; and, at the bar, presented to the house, according to order, an account of fundries, the growth, produce, or manufacture of this island, which have been exported, and to what places, from the 1st October, 1796, until the 30th September last; also of all articles the growth, produce, or manufacture of the West-India islands and southern continent of America, imported under the authority of the free-port act, or under the terms of submission of part of St. Domingo to his majesty's government, and afterwards exported from hence, during the said period, distinguishing to what places shipped:

And then he withdrew:

And the said account being read, is as follows:

ACCOUNT of produce, the growth of the island of Jamaica, exported from the 1st day of October, 1796, to the 30th September, 1797; viz.

Sugar.			Rum.		Ginger.		Pimento.		lbs. Coffee.	Where exported.
Hhd.	Tres.	Bbl.	Phs.	Hhd.	Bags.	Casks.	Bags.	Casks.		
47,815	5373	127	8,426	246	17,253	131	1179	132	4,510,248	London
12,085	1677	85	3,208	158	6,420	26	92	14	1,847,006	Liverpool
8,778	1101	24	986	29	1,387		177	1	129,666	Bristol
713	98		401	51	38		136		73,966	Newcastle
425	50		271	4	10		26		3,400	Whitehaven
29	27	3	33	1	150				3,668	Exeter
20	64	4	24	22			63	10	70,918	Lancaster
3,503	432	36	1,413	65	156				27,781	Greenock

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Sugar.			Rum.		Ginger.		Pimento.		lbs. Coffee.	Where exported.
Hhds.	Trcs.	Bbls.	Phns.	Hhds.	Bags.	Casks.	Bags.	Casks.		
1,432	177	55	393	15	41		13		6,190	Glasgow
473	37	44	218	32					17,371	Leith
286	119	7	59	7	129				1,341	Dublin
156	53	1	27	2		43				Belfast
7,715	9208	386	15,259	632	25,584	200	1686	157	6,691,645	Total to Great-Britain and Ireland
778	176	31	832	46	725		191	145	480,750	Philadelphia
713	243	34	3,744		1,059	59	686	21	256,852	New-York
565	90	11	809				74	5	119,824	Norfolk
48	5	3	112				2		22,630	Alexandria
72	21	1	439	1					147,119	Charleston
105	29	15	197	36	223		70		62,149	Savannah
63			305	1	211		193		4,448	Baltimore
101	74	2	433	2	82		2		18,200	Boston
10	13		62						6,000	Portsmouth
5	7		41							Newbury-Port
6	2		88	16			1		12,696	Wilmington
8		2	51							Washington
79	7		192						13,942	New-Port
29	15		37						3,619	Edenton
15	3	1	77						2,189	Newbern
5	1		11		1,103					Lexington
2	6		7						631	New London
			56							Dighton
2604	692	100	7,493	102	3,403	59	1229	171	1,151,049	Total to United States of America
10	48	60	548	20	86		20		14,441	Halifax
5	1	2	89						550	Shelburne
		21	549	8					600	St. John, New-Brunswick
			59							Digby
	1		13	12						Caymanas
		14	22	33						Honduras
			597	66						New-Providence
6		125	546	74	25				7,866	Bermuda
10	5	28	88	37					2,982	Quebec
31	55	250	2,511	250	111		20		26,439	Total to British ports in America
23	8	17	1,187	97						Cape Nichola Mole
			999	71						Port-au-Prince
			530	300						Jeremie
			24	11						St. Marc
23	8	17	2,740	479						Tot. to British ports in St. Domingo
75,715	9208	386	15,259	632	25,584	200	1686	157	6,691,645	Africa
2,604	692	100	7,493	102	3,403	59	1229	171	1,151,049	Great-Britain and Ireland
31	55	250	2,511	250	111		20		26,439	United States of America
23	8	17	2,740	479						British plantations in America
										Ditto in St. Domingo
78,373	9963	753	28,014	1463	29,098	259	2935	328	7,869,133	Total.

Naval Office, Kingston, Jamaica, 20th December, 1797.

DAVID INNES, naval officer.

ACCOUNT.

ACCOUNT of sundries the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the West-India islands and southern continent of America, imported under the authority of the free-port act, or under the terms of submission of part of St. Domingo to his majesty's government, and afterwards exported, from the 1st October, 1796, to the 30th September, 1797, distinguishing to what places shipped; viz.

Hhds. Sug.	Cotton.		Cocoa.		Indigo.		Coffee.			Where exported.
	Bales.	Bags.	Casks.	Bags.	Casks.	Bags.	Casks.	Bags.	Lbs.	
122	410	700	244	1492	16	1194	1433	434	804,757	London
	1720	1518	11	2466	4		2367	5668	2,041,539	Liverpool
		200		40						Bristol
	160	523								Lancaster
	383	115								Dublin
	127	50								Belfast
	174	2								Greenock
	4	355								Glasgow
		18								Shelburne
		2								St. John
				40						Halifax
				10						Quebec
			6	217			12		4,714	Savannah
				24						New-York
										Lexington
122	2978	3483	261	4289	20	1194	3812	6,102	2,851,010	Total exports
122	1650	1540		2856	8	12	2175	21,425	3,530,000	Ditto imports
	1328	1943	261	1433	12	1182	1637	15,323	678,990	Difference

N. B. The above difference between the exports and imports arises as follows; viz. 1328 bales and 1943 bags cotton, 261 casks and 1433 bags cocoa, 12 casks and 1182 bags indigo, being prize-goods not entered in this office (a few bales and bags cotton excepted, the produce of this island), and 678,990lbs. coffee remains to be shipped.

Naval-Office, Kingston, Jamaica, 22^d December, 1797.

DAVID INNES, naval officer.

Ordered,

That the above account do lie on the table, to be perused by the members.

Resolved, unanimously,

Clothing for pioneers of 63^d regiment, voted.

That the receiver-general do pay to the order of the commander in chief, the sum of 105^l. for clothing of the pioneers attached to the 63^d regiment, reported to be due by the committee of accounts, out of any monies in his hands unappropriated and that this or any future assembly will made good the same.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor thereon.

"We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour, and to lay before you a copy of a resolution of the house of this day."

Ordered,

That Mr. Christie and Mr. Henckell be a committee to wait on his honour with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to inspect the gaols, hospitals,

pitals, and workhouses, in the county of Middlesex, during the recess, and to make a report thereof to the house, early in the next session :

Ordered,

That Mr. Redwood, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. R. Ross, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Henckell, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Turner, Mr. P. Fuller, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Henry, Mr. Grant, and Mr. W. Ross, be a committee for that purpose. Committee to inspect gaols, &c. in Middlesex;

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to inspect the gaols, hospitals, and workhouses, in the county of Surrey, during the recess, and to make a report thereof to the house, early in the next session ;

Ordered,

That Mr. Fitch, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Christie, Mr. Hering, Mr. Barnett, Mr. Cockburn, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Olborn, Mr. Bryan, Mr. G. Fuller, Mr. Deans, and Mr. Telfer, be a committee for that purpose. in Surrey;

A motion being made, that a committee be appointed, to inspect the gaols, hospitals, and workhouses, in the county of Cornwall, during the recess, and to make a report thereof to the house, early in the next session ;

Ordered,

That Mr. Murray, Mr. Finlayson, Mr. Swaby, Mr. Reid, Mr. Mowat, Mr. Perry, Mr. Irving, and Mr. Stewart, be a committee for that purpose. in Cornwall.

Ordered,

That Mr. Redwood, Mr. Frazer, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Cuthbert, and Mr. Hering, be a committee, during the recess, to inspect into and examine the several books and papers in the speaker's chamber ; and that the said committee, or any two of them, together with the clerk, do examine the said books once in every quarter ; and that Mr. Wills be ordered to brush them once in every month. Committee to inspect books and papers in speaker's chamber.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, by his secretary, as follows :

“ MR. SPEAKER,

“ I am commanded by his honour the lieutenant-governor to inform the house, in answer to their message of the 22d instant, that, having reviewed the correspondence which his honour has had with the duke of Portland, and sir John Wentworth, upon the subject of the maroons, his honour begs to decline transmitting the resolutions which accompanied the message of the house.” Message from lieutenant governor, declining to transmit resolutions about maroons.

Resolved, nem. con.

That, as his honour the lieutenant-governor has been pleased to send a message to the house this day, informing the house, in answer to their message of the 22d instant, that, having reviewed the correspondence which his honour has had with the duke of Portland, and sir John Wentworth, upon the subject of the maroons, his honour declines transmitting the said resolution, the committee of correspondence be therefore directed to transmit the same to the agent, to be by him communicated to the duke of Portland. Resolution to transmit the same to the agent.

Ordered,

That the following message be sent to his honour the lieutenant-governor :

" MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR,

Message to lieutenant-governor, desiring a recess.

" *We are ordered by the house to wait on your honour. and to acquaint you, that having finished the business of the session, they request your honour will be pleased to grant them a recess.*"

Ordered.

That Mr. Hering and Mr. G. Fuller be a committee to wait on his honour the lieutenant-governor with the above message; who returning, reported the delivery thereof.

Message to attend his honour.

A message from his honour the lieutenant-governor, in council, by the provost-marshal, commanding, in the king's name, the immediate attendance of the whole house, in the council chamber:

Whereupon Mr. Speaker, and the whole house, went up; when his honour was pleased to give his assent to the following bills:

His honour's assent to bills.

" *An act to amend and explain an act entitled, ' An act for laying a tax on all ships and vessels trading to this island, for and towards the support and maintenance of the transient poor.'*"

" *An act for raising a tax by the poll, and on trades, supercargoes, and masters of vessels, and on offices and houses, and on certain wheel-carriages; and applying the same to several uses.*"

" *An act to oblige the several inhabitants of this island to provide themselves with a sufficient number of white men, white women, or white children, or pay certain sums of money in case they shall be deficient; to protect freeholders on the days of choosing churchwardens and vestrymen; and to ascertain who shall be deemed duly qualified to vote at such elections; and for applying the monies to arise by virtue of this act to several uses.*"

" *An act for laying a duty on all wines, and upon brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, retailed within this island; and for laying a further tax on licenses to be granted for the retailing of brandy, gin, rum, and other distilled spirits, and on the public offices; and for applying the same to several uses.*"

" *An act to explain and amend an act entitled, ' An act to repeal an act entitled, ' An act for raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service;'' and for regulating the manner of raising a tax by a duty on vellum, parchment, and paper, ascertained by stamps; and applying the same to the public service; and for appointing commissioners for that purpose.*"

" *An act for laying a duty on all negro slaves that shall be imported into this island, from the coast of Africa, who shall be above a certain age; and for regulating the manner of ascertaining such age.*"

" *An act to regulate the militia; to ascertain who shall compose future councils of war; and for other purposes.*"

" *An act for putting the fort at Annotto-Bay, in the parish of St. George, on the island establishment.*"

" *An act to repeal an act entitled, ' An act for appointing commissioners for purchasing a sufficient quantity of land, on the north side of the public parade in the town of St. Jago de la Vega, whereon to fix the statue of lord Rodney, and to erect one or more offices and buildings for holding and better preserving the public records; and for other purposes.*"

" *An act in aid of the party law now in force, for the purpose of authorizing and empowering*

powering the commander in chief, for the time being, to raise and fit out parties, to go in pursuit of runaway slaves."

"An act for the ease and relief of jurors and suitors of the supreme and certain other courts within this island; and for other purposes."

"An act for the better establishment of the clergy of this island; to oblige the justices and vestries to build a church, and a parsonage-house, in their respective parishes; and for establishing a fund, or provision, for the support and maintenance of the widows, and orphan children, of deceased clergymen."

"An act to regulate the carriage of the baggage of the troops stationed, or to be stationed, in this island."

"An act to explain and amend an act entitled, 'An act to explain and amend an act entitled, 'An act to regulate wharfage and storage, so far as the said act relates to the towns of Kingston and Morant-Bay.'"

"An act to enable the justices and vestry of the parish of St. Ann, to lay and assess a tax on the inhabitants of the said parish, for the recovery of a certain charitable donation."

And then his honour was pleased to make the following speech :

His honour's speech

"GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

"The wish you must necessarily entertain, of paying attention to your private affairs, after so long an attendance in your public capacity, is so reasonable, that I feel the greatest satisfaction in granting you a recess.

"MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

"I thank you most cordially, for the very important measures and provisions, which you have adopted and made in support of government, during the present sessions.

"GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL,

"MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE ASSEMBLY,

"I have nothing particular to recommend to you at our parting, except the pursuit of such humane and provident measures, in your respective parishes, during the approaching holydays, as are likely to secure the tranquillity of the island, and the happiness of your slaves :

"I do, therefore, now, in his majesty's name, prorogue this general assembly, to Tuesday the thirtieth day of January next; and it is prorogued accordingly." House prorogued:

By virtue of an order of the house, I do appoint Alexander Ashman to print these Notes, and that no other person do presume to print the same.

DON. CAMPBELL, Speaker.

END OF THE THIRD SESSION.

A P P E N D I X.

No. I.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM BURROWES, *late D. M.*

Dr.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
FOR cash advanced for support of Richards Clarke, an insolvent debtor, from the 29th October, 1796, to the 28th February, 1797, is 14 weeks, at 8s. 9d. <i>per week</i>	-	6	2 6
Ditto for William McClure, from 13th December, 1796, to the 12th February, 1797, is 9 weeks, at 8s. 9d. <i>per week</i>	-	3	18 9
Ditto for Mary Abrahams, from 7th February, 1797, to the 12th June following, is 16 weeks, at 8s. 9d. <i>per week</i>	-	7	0 0
Ditto for Moses Afflalo, from the 21st October, 1796, to the 7th November following, 3 weeks, at 8s. 9d.	-	1	6 3
N. B. The clerk omitted taking receipts for the last.			
		18	7 6

JAMAICA, *ff.*

The above account is just and true, as appears by the receipts annexed, to the best of my knowledge.

WILLIAM BURROWES, *late D. M.*

Sworn before me, this 10th day of November, 1797.

C. N. PALLMER.

No. II.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM PRANCH,

Dr.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
1796.		
April 3. To the hire of two negroes, named Aberdeen and Adam, as pioneers for the garnison of Fort-Augusta, from 3d December to 3d April, both days inclusive, being 123 days, at 3s. 4d. each <i>per day</i> , is, currency	-	41 0
21. To the hire of three negroes, named Tom, Joe, and Pistole, as above, from 21st December last to this date, both days inclusive, being 123 days, at 3s. 4d. <i>per day</i> each, is, currency	-	61 10
		102 10

Kingston, 3d April, 1796.

Received from captain James Alston, deputy-quartermaster-general, the sum of one hundred and two pounds ten shillings, being in full of the above account.

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JAMAICA,

JAMAICA, *ff.*

William Pranch being duly sworn, deposeth, and saith, that the above is a just and true copy of the original account delivered to captain Alston, and as in the annexed petition named; and that the same copy is in the proper hand-writing of ——— Pike, then acting as clerk to captain Alston, as this deponent hath heard and believes.

WILLIAM PRANCH.

Sworn before me, this 10th day of November, 1797.

OL. HERING.

No. III.

No. I.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

1796.

		l.	s.
Dec. 6.	To the hire of four wains, to carry up the baggage of the 63d regiment, from Kingston to the foot of Stoney-Hill, one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	20	0
(No. 1.)	To the hire of five mule carts, employed as above, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	12	10
	To the hire of four wains, to carry the above baggage from the foot of the hill to the barracks, one day, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	20	0
	To the hire of five mule carts, employed for ditto, one day, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	12	10
7.	To the hire of a horse, to carry up the officer of the guard to Stoney-Hill barracks	2	0
	To the hire of four wains, to carry the baggage of the 63d regiment, from Kingston to the foot of Stoney-Hill, one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	20	0
	To the hire of five mule carts, employed for the same as above, to the foot of Stoney-Hill, one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	12	10
	To the hire of four wains, to carry the baggage as above, from the foot of the hill to the barracks, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	20	0
	To the hire of five mule carts, for the same as above, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	12	10
8.	To the hire of two wains for ditto ditto, to the foot of Stoney-Hill, one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	10	0
	To the hire of three mule carts, for ditto ditto, to ditto, one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	7	10
	To the hire of two wains, for ditto ditto, from the foot of the hill to the barracks, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	10	0
	To the hire of three mule carts, to carry the baggage of the 63d regiment, from the foot of Stoney-Hill to the barracks, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	7	10
9.	To the hire of two wains, to carry up the baggage of said regiment, from Kingston to the foot of Stoney-Hill, one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	10	0
	To the hire of two mule carts, for ditto ditto, from ditto to ditto, one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	5	0
	To the hire of two wains, for ditto ditto, from the foot of the hill to the barracks, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	10	0
10.	To the hire of two mule carts, for ditto ditto, from ditto to ditto, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	5	0
	To the hire of two wains, for ditto ditto, from Kingston to the foot of Stoney-Hill, one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	10	0
	To the hire of two mule carts, for ditto ditto, from ditto to ditto, one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	5	0
	To the hire of two wains, for ditto ditto, from the foot of Stoney-Hill to the barracks, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	10	0
	To the hire of two mule carts, for ditto ditto, from ditto to ditto, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	5	0
		11.	To

11.	To the hire of two wains, to carry the baggage of the 63d regiment, from Kingston to the foot of Stoney-Hill, one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	10	0
	To the hire of two mule carts, for ditto ditto, from ditto to ditto, one day's labour, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	5	0
	To the hire of two wains, to carry up baggage of the 63d regiment, from the foot of Stoney-Hill to the barracks, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	10	0
	To the hire of two mule carts, for ditto ditto, from ditto to ditto, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	5	0
9.	To the hire of two wains, to carry the sick of the 63d regiment, from the king's wharf to Up-Park Camp, three trips, at 5 <i>s.</i> <i>per</i> trip each	15	0
(No. 2.)	To the hire of seven mule carts, to carry the sick of the 63d regiment, from the king's wharf to Up-Park Camp, three trips each, at 2 <i>s.</i> <i>per</i> trip each	26	5
12.	To the hire of one wain, to carry necessaries for the invalids of the 63d regiment, from Kingston to Up-Park Camp, one trip	2	10
(No. 3.)		300	15

JAMAICA, &c.

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROB. THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of July, 1797.

WM. PINK.

(No. 1.)

Stoney-Hill, Dec. 13, 1796.

The public of Jamaica debtor to Mr. Robert Thomson, for carrying baggage belonging to the 63d regiment, from Kingston to Stoney-Hill barracks:

- Dec. 6. Four wains and five carts.
7. Four wains and five carts.
8. Two wains and three carts.
9. Two wains and two carts.
10. Two wains and two carts.
11. Two wains and two carts.

To one horse for one day, for the officer of the baggage-guard, on the 7th December.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster* 63d regiment.

ROB. BRERETON, *lieut. col.* 63d regiment.

(No. 2.)—Received from Mr. Robert Thomson, on the 9th December, 1796, two wains and seven carts, to carry the sick of the 63d regiment, from the king's wharf to Up-Park, three trips each.

C. BOYD, *lieut.* 63d regiment.

(No. 3.)—Received from Mr. Robert Thomson, to carry necessaries on the 12th December, 1796, for the sick of the 63d regiment, one cattle wain, one trip from Kingston to Up Park Camp.

PATRICK MITCHELL, *surgeon* 63d regiment.

No. 2.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, for the removal of the 63d regiment,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

1797.		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Jan. 23.	To the hire of one wain, to carry ammunition stores from Kingston to Stoney-Hill barracks, being two days labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> <i>per</i> day	10	0	0
	To two carts, employed as above, at 5 <i>s.</i> each <i>per</i> day	10	0	0
Feb. 14.	To the hire of three cattle wains, to carry the above regiment's baggage, from Kingston to Stoney-Hill, being two days labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> <i>per</i> day each	30	0	0
15.	To the hire of three wains, to carry the above regiment's baggage, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston, being two days labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> <i>per</i> day each	30	0	0
25.	To the hire of one wain, to carry the convalescents, from Up-Park Camp to Stoney-Hill, being two days labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> <i>per</i> day	10	0	0

Mar.

		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<i>Mar.</i>	20. To the hire of sixteen carts, to go from Kingston to Stoney-Hill, and carry a load of baggage for said regiment, being $2\frac{1}{2}$ days labour, including double, being obliged to travel over night, by detention, at <i>5l. 13s. 4d.</i> each	-	90	13 4
	To the hire of five wains and one waggon, to carry the above regiment's baggage, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston, being two days labour, at <i>5l. per day</i> each	-	60	0 0
	22. To the hire of two wains, to go to Stoney-Hill and return, with baggage for the above regiment, being two days labour, at <i>5l. per day</i> each	-	20	0 0
	To the hire of two cattle wains, to go to Stoney-Hill, and carry a load of baggage to Spanish-Town, being $2\frac{1}{2}$ days labour, at <i>5l. per day</i> each, paid double toll for them	-	25	13 4
	To a waggon as above, with toll	-	13	0 0
	To the hire of ten carts, to go from Kingston to Stoney-Hill, and carry a load of baggage to Spanish-Town, being $2\frac{1}{2}$ days labour, at <i>50s. per day</i> each, and double toll for each, being <i>3s. 4d.</i>	-	64	3 4
	To the hire of two cattle wains, from Kingston to Spanish-Town, at <i>8l. 5s.</i> each, with double toll	-	17	3 4
	23. To the hire of nine mule carts, to carry baggage from Kingston barracks to Spanish-Town, at <i>3l. 5s.</i> each, and toll, at <i>3s. 4d.</i> each	-	30	15 0
	27. To the hire of four cattle wains, to bring down the above regiment's baggage, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston, being two days labour, at <i>5l. per day</i> each	-	40	0 0
	To the hire of eight mule carts, at <i>50s. per day</i> each, being two days labour, employed as above	-	40	0 0
	28. To the hire of five wains and one waggon, to carry a load of baggage from Kingston to Spanish-Town, at <i>8l. 5s.</i> each, double toll	-	50	16 8
	To the hire of nine mule carts, employed as above, at <i>3l. 5s.</i> each, and toll each	-	30	15 0
<i>April</i>	1. To the hire of five cattle wains and one waggon, to carry baggage from Kingston to Spanish-Town, at <i>8l. 5s.</i> each, with toll	-	50	16 8
	To the hire of ten mule carts, as above, at <i>3l. 5s.</i> each	-	32	10 0
	To the hire of a wain, from Spanish-Town to Fort-Augusta, with doctor Bayles' baggage	-	8	5 0
	10. To the hire of two carts, to carry up invalids from Kingston barracks to Up-Park Camp, at <i>25s.</i> each	-	2	10 0
	To the hire of a wain for ditto	-	2	10 0
	11. To the hire of a ditto to go to Stoney-Hill, to bring down hospital stores to Up-Park Camp, being two days, at <i>5l. per day</i>	-	10	0 0
	To the hire of two mule carts, as above, at <i>2l. 10s.</i> each	-	5	0 0
	17. To the hire of a wain, to bring a load of baggage from messieurs M ^c Naughton and company	-	1	5 0
	To the hire of a cart for ditto	-	0	12 6
	To the hire of six wains, to carry baggage from Kingston to Spanish-Town, at <i>8l. 5s.</i> each	-	49	10 0
	To toll of six wains, at <i>3s. 4d.</i> each	-	1	0 0
	To the hire of ten carts, as above, at <i>3l. 5s.</i> each	-	32	10 0
	To toll of ten carts, at <i>3s. 4s.</i> each	-	1	13 4
	19. To the hire of three wains, to carry baggage from Kingston to Spanish-Town, at <i>8l. 5s.</i> each	-	24	15 0
	To toll of three wains, at <i>3s. 4d.</i> each	-	0	10 0
	To the hire of six carts, as above, at <i>3l. 5s.</i> each	-	19	10 0

To

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To toll of six carts, at 3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> each	-	-	-
29. To the hire of two mule carts, to carry the convalescents baggage, from Up-Park Camp to Spanish-Town, and toll	-	-	-
<i>May</i> 8. To the hire of four wains, to bring down baggage of the invalids, from Up-Park Camp to the wherry-wharf, at 2 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-
To the hire of six mule carts, as above, at 2 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-
To the hire of six mule carts, to carry the convalescents and baggage to Spanish-Town, from Up-Park Camp, at 3 <i>l.</i> 15 <i>s.</i> each; being much detained, and obliged to travel all night, paid double toll	-	-	-
To the hire of four wains, as above, being also detained, and obliged to pay double toll, and two days labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per</i> day, and double toll	-	-	-
18. To the hire of two cattle wains, to carry the sick people from Spanish-Town to Fort-Augusta, at 8 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-
19. To the hire of one cattle wain, as above, to carry provisions to Fort-Augusta	-	-	-
21. To the hire of two cattle wains, to bring a load of baggage from Up-Park Camp to the wherry-wharf, at 2 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-
22. To the hire of one cattle wain, to bring major Bayles' baggage from Spanish-Town to Kingston, with toll	-	-	-
<i>June</i> 7. To the hire of a mule cart, to carry an officer's baggage to Spanish-Town, with toll	-	-	-
16. To the hire of a mule cart, to carry medicine-chest from here to Spanish-Town, with toll	-	-	-
18. To the hire of a mule cart, to carry stores from here to Spanish-Town, with toll	-	-	-
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JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and saith, that the within account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROBERT THOMPSON.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of July, 1797.

W. PINK.

Kingston, Jamaica, 23d January, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one cattle wain and two mule carts, to carry ammunition stores from Kingston barracks to the foot of Stoney-Hill, and from the foot of Stoney-Hill to the barracks, for the use of the 63d regiment; and that they went accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster* 63d regiment.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 14, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, three cattle wains, to carry to Stoney-Hill the baggage of the 63d regiment.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster* 63d regiment.

Stoney-Hill, Feb. 15, 1797.

Received of Mr. Robert Thomson, three wains, to carry the baggage of the 63d regiment to Kingston; and the above was done accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster* 63d regiment.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 25, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one cattle wain, to carry up the convalescents of the 63d regiment from Up-Park Camp to Stoney-Hill; and that they went accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster* 63d regiment.

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Kingston,

Kingston, Jamaica, March 20, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, sixteen mule carts, to go to Stoney-Hill, and carry a load of baggage to Spanish-Town, for the use of the 63d regiment; and that they went accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

This is also to certify, that I have received five wains and one waggon, to go to Stoney-Hill, and return with baggage; and it was done accordingly, for the use of the 63d regiment.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, March 22, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two cattle wains, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston, and that they went accordingly, to carry the baggage for the 63d regiment.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, March 22, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two cattle wains, ten carts, and one waggon, from Stoney-Hill to Spanish-Town, and that they went accordingly, to carry the baggage for the 63d regiment

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, March 22, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two cattle wains, from Kingston to Spanish-Town, and that they went accordingly, to carry the baggage for the 63d regiment.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 23, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, nine mule carts, from Kingston to Spanish-Town, and that they went accordingly, to carry the baggage for the 63d regiment.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, March 27, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, four cattle wains and eight mule carts, to bring down the baggage of the 63d regiment, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston; and that they went accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, March 28, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, five cattle wains, nine mule carts, and one waggon, to carry the baggage of the 63d regiment from Kingston to Spanish-Town; and that they went accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, April 1, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, five cattle wains and ten mule carts, to carry the baggage of the 63d regiment from Kingston to Spanish-Town; and that they went accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, April 1, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one cattle wain, to carry doctor Bayles' baggage from Spanish-Town to Fort-Augusta; and that they went accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Kingston, April 10, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two mule carts and one wain, to carry up the invalids from Kingston barracks to Up-Park Camp; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Kingston, April 11, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain and two mule carts,

carts, to go to Stoney-Hill to bring down hospital stores to Up-Park Camp, being two days labour; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, April 17, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain and one mule cart, to bring a load of baggage from messieurs M^r.Naughton and to the barracks; also received six cattle wains and ten mule carts, to carry baggage from Kingston to Spanish-Town; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, April 19, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, three cattle wains and six mule carts, to carry baggage from Kingston to Spanish-Town; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, April 29, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two mule carts, to carry the convalescents baggage from Up-Park Camp to Spanish-Town; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, May 8, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, four wains and six mule carts, to bring down baggage of the invalids, from Up-Park Camp to the wherry-wharf; also received six mule carts and four wains, to carry the convalescents and baggage to Spanish-Town from Up-Park Camp, being two days labour; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, May 18, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two wains, to carry the sick people from Spanish-Town to Fort-Augusta; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, May 19, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain, to carry the sick people, and to carry provisions to Fort-Augusta; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, May 21, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two wains, to bring a load of baggage from Up-Park Camp to the wherry-wharf; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, May 22, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain, to bring major Bayles' baggage from Spanish-Town to Kingston; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, June 7, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one mule cart, to carry an officer's baggage to Spanish-Town; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, June 16, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one mule cart, to carry medicines chest from here to Spanish-Town; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*
Kingston, June 18, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one mule cart, to carry stores from here to Spanish-Town; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

No. 3.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To ROBERT THOMSON, Dr.

1796.

l. s.

Dec. 7.	To the hire of four wains, to bring down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	20	0
	To the hire of five mule carts, to bring down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	12	10
8.	To the hire of four wains, to bring down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	20	0
	To the hire of five mule carts, to bring down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	12	10
9.	To the hire of two wains, to bring down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	10	0
	To the hire of three mule carts, to bring down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	7	10
10.	To the hire of two wains, to bring down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	10	0
	To the hire of two mule carts, to bring down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	5	0
11.	To the hire of six mule carts, to bring down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	15	0
12.	To the hire of four wains, to go up to Stoney-Hill barracks, to bring down 62d regiment's baggage to Kingston, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	20	0
	To the hire of five mule carts, to go up to Stoney-Hill barracks, to bring down 62d regiment's baggage to Kingston, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	12	10
	To the hire of four wains, for bringing down the baggage of 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	20	0
	To the hire of five mule carts, for bringing down the baggage of 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	12	10
13.	To the hire of four wains, to go up to Stoney-Hill barracks, to bring down 62d regiment's baggage to Kingston, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	20	0
	To the hire of four mule carts, to go up to Stoney-Hill barracks, to bring down 62d regiment's baggage to Kingston, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	10	0
	To the hire of four wains, for bringing down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	20	0
	To the hire of four mule carts, for bringing down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	10	0

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JAMAICA, *Jf.*

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the within account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROB. THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 20th day of December, 1796.

ALGER. WARREN.

The public of Jamaica, to Robert Thomson, debtor, for wainage and cartage of the 62d regiment's baggage, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks; viz.

1796, Dec. 7. Four wains, five carts.

8. Four wains, five carts.

9. Two

9. Two wains, three carts.
10. Two wains, two carts.
11. six carts.
12. Four wains, five carts.
13. Four wains, four carts:—20 wains, and 30 carts.

JOHN O'BRIEN, *quartermaster 62d regt.*

THO. DRINKWATER, *major comm. 62d regt.*

No. 4.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

l. s. d.

1796.

<i>Oct.</i> 12.	To the hire of two cattle wains, to carry up the platforms and stands, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks, for the use of the 62d regiment, being two days labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per</i> day	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
14.	To the hire of two cattle wains, to carry up the platforms and stands, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks, for the use of the 62d regiment, being two days labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per</i> day	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
17.	To the hire of two cattle wains, to carry up the platforms and stands, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks, for the use of the 62d regiment, being two days labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per</i> day	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
19.	To the hire of two cattle wains, to carry up the platforms and stands, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks, for the use of the 62d regiment, being two days labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per</i> day	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
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						80	0	0

1797.

<i>May</i> 3.	To the hire of two mule carts, to bring up the baggage of the 62d regiment, from the ordnance wharf to the barracks, one turn each, at 12 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> each turn					1	5	0
15.	To the hire of one mule cart, to carry a load of baggage belonging to the 62d regiment, from the barracks to the ordnance wharf	-	-	-	-	0	12	6
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						81	17	6

Robert Thomson being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROBERT THOMSON.

Sworn before me, 22d May, 1797.

THO. DENNIS.

I believe the above account to be just.

TREVOR HULL, *major 62d.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 12, 1796.

This is to certify, that I have received from Robert Thomson, esquire, two cattle wains, to carry up the platforms, and stands for them, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks, for the use of the 62d regiment; and that they went accordingly.

WILLIAM SMITH, *sergeant 62d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 14, 1796.

This is to certify, that I have received from Robert Thomson, esquire, two cattle wains, to carry up the platforms, and stands for them, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks, for the use of the 62d regiment; and that they went accordingly.

WILLIAM SMITH, *sergeant 62d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 17, 1796.

This is to certify, that I have received from Robert Thomson, esquire, two cattle wains, to carry up the platforms, and stands for them, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks, for the use of the 62d regiment; and that they went accordingly.

WILLIAM SMITH, *sergeant 62d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 19, 1796.

This is to certify, that I have received from Robert Thomson, esquire, two cattle wains, to carry up the platforms, and stands for them, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks, for the use of the 62d regiment; and that they went accordingly.

WILLIAM SMITH, *sergeant 62d regiment.*

Kingston, 3d May, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two mule carts, to bring up the baggage of the 62d regiment, from the ordnance wharf to the barracks, one turn each; and that they did it accordingly.

JAMES BRUNTON, *sergeant 62d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, May 15, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one mule cart, to carry down the baggage belonging to a detachment of the 62d regiment, from the barracks to the wherry-wharf; and that they did it accordingly.—One load.

TREVOR HULL, *major 62d.*

No. 5.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To ROBERT THOMSON, Dr.

		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
1796.			
Dec. 20.	To the hire of one cattle wain, going on purpose to bring down the officers baggage, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Kingston, belonging to the 62d regiment	8	5
24.	To the hire of one cattle wain, employed as above	8	5
1797.	To the hire of one mule cart, ditto ditto	3	10
Jan. 15.	To the hire of two cattle wains, to carry down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from the barracks to the ordnance wharf, employed from day-break to night, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	10	0
	To the hire of seven mule carts, employed as above at 5 <i>s.</i> each	17	10
26.	To the hire of two cattle wains, to carry down the baggage of the 62d regiment, from the barracks to the ordnance wharf, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	10	0
	To the hire of six mule carts, employed as above, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	15	0
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		72	10

THO. DRINKWATER, *major commanding 62d regiment.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROBERT THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of July, 1797.

W. PINK.

December 20, 1796.

Received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain, to carry lieutenant Thomas's baggage from Stoney-Hill to Kingston.

J. O'BRIEN, *quartermaster 62d regiment.*

Jan.

Jan. 15, 1797.

Received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two wains and seven carts, to carry the 62d regiment's baggage, from Kingston barracks to the ordnance wharf.

J. O'BRIEN, *quartermaster 62d regiment.*

Jan. 16, 1797.

Received from Mr. Robert Thomson, six carts and two wains, to carry the 62d regiment's baggage, from the barracks to the ordnance wharf.

J. O'BRIEN, *quartermaster 62d regiment.*

No. 6.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

1797.

		L. s.	
April 1.	To the hire of seven cattle wains, to bring up the baggage belonging to general Whitelocke, from the wharves to the brick-kilns, at 20s. each	7	0 0
	To the hire of ten mule carts, for ditto, belonging to ditto, from ditto to ditto, at 10s. each	5	0 0
	To the hire of four cattle wains, to carry the above baggage from here to Spanish-Town, at 8l. 5s. each	33	0 0
	To the hire of ten mule carts, for the same purpose as above, at 6s. each	32	10 0
2.	To the hire of a negro man, to carry a box of glass shades from here to Spanish-Town, belonging to general Whitelocke, and set off at midnight	1	0 0
	To cash paid toll for seven wains, at 6s. 8d. each	2	6 8
	To ditto paid ditto for ten carts, at 3s. 4d. each, they being obliged to set off after dark, and were not able to return in time to save the toll	1	13 4
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JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROB. THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of July, 1797.

W. PINK.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 1, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, seven turns of cattle wains, and ten turns of mule carts, to carry up the baggage of general Whitelocke, from the different wharves to his brick-kilns, at the corner of the Spanish-Town road, to be in readiness for the carriages to remove them to Spanish-Town, the wharves at the same time being about shutting up, which would have prevented the said baggage from being sent off that night, which was much wanted.

Received also, a trusty negro man, to carry a box of glass ware, not fit to put in a cart, and he was obliged to set off at twelve of the clock at night.

I certify that the above is just.

D. GRANT, *quartermaster 6th West-India regiment.*

Received from Mr. Robert Thomson, at Spanish-Town, from Kingston, on the 2d April, 1797, four wains and ten one mule carts, loaded with baggage belonging to general Whitelocke.

J. WHITELOCKE, *brigadier-general.*

Received from Mr. Robert Thomson, at Spanish-Town, from Kingston, on the 3d April, 1797, three wains, loaded with baggage belonging to general Whitelocke.

J. WHITELOCKE, *brigadier-general.*

No.

No. 7.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

	l.	s.	d.
1796.			
July 14. To the hire of drays, to take the baggage of seven companies of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, from the ordnance wharf to the barracks in Kingston -	7	10	0
20. To the hire of wherries, to take invalids from Kingston, on board the transport for Europe, under the command of cornet Ross -	7	18	4
To a large wherry, to take invalids of the 20th light dragoons, from Fort-Augusta, on board said ship -	1	13	4
24. To the hire of two large wherries, to take two companies of the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, from Kingston to Fort-Augusta, and dray-hire to carry their baggage to the wharf -	4	10	0
	21	11	8

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace for said island, quartermaster William Pike, and made oath, that the above-mentioned boats and carriages were employed by him (as mentioned), and as reasonable as any could be got at the time.

WILLIAM PIKE, quartermaster 4th regiment Irish brigade.

Sworn before me, this 11th November, 1796.

D. FINLAYSON.

No. 8.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

	l.	s.	d.
1797.			
June 1. To the carriage of twenty-nine loads of baggage of the 83d regiment, from Lindo, son, and company's wharf to the barracks, at 12s. 6d. per load -	18	2	6
16. To the hire of one cattle wain, one turn, carrying the baggage of the 83d regiment, from the barracks to Hugh Bogle and company's wharf -	1	5	0
To the hire of two mule carts, two turns, each at 12s. 6d. -	2	10	0
24. To the hire of one ditto ditto, two ditto, as above -	1	5	0
	23	2	6
June 21. To the hire of two wains, to carry doctor Charles Lind's baggage from Kingston to Spanish-Town, at 8l. 5s. each, and toll -	16	16	8
	39	19	2

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and saith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROBERT THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of July, 1797.

W. PINK.

Kingston, Jamaica, June 1, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, five mule carts, to bring up the baggage of the 83d regiment, from Lindo, son, and company's wharf to the barracks, and that they carried up twenty-nine loads in all.

L. WRIGHT, quartermaster 83d regiment.

Kingston,

Kingston, Jamaica, June 16, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one cattle wain, which made one turn, and two mule carts, which made two turns each, in carrying down baggage belonging to the 83d regiment, from the barracks to Hugh Bogle and company's wharf.

L. WRIGHT, *quartermaster 83d regiment.*

Kingston, June 24, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one mule cart, to carry down baggage belonging to the 83d regiment, from the barracks to Hugh Bogle and company's wharf, and carried two loads accordingly.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, *quartermaster 83d regiment.*

Spanish-Town, June 24, 1797.

Received of Robert Thomson, two wains, drawn by four steers each, to carry my baggage from Kingston to this place.

CHARLES LIND, *surgeon to the forces.*

No. 9.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

1797.		l.	s.	d.
Mar. 31.	To the hire of one cattle wain, to carry up the baggage of the 17th light dragoons, from ordnance wharf to the barracks, three turns, at 25s. each turn	-	3	15 0
	To the hire of four mule carts, to carry up the baggage of the 17th light dragoons, from ordnance wharf to the barracks, five turns, at 12s. 6d. each turn	-	3	2 6
April 3.	To the hire of two mule carts, to carry up the baggage of the 17th light dragoons, from ordnance wharf to the barracks, five turns, at 12s. 6d. each turn	-	3	2 6
	To the hire of one mule cart, to carry officers baggage, from the barracks to Mrs. Foord's lodging-house, one turn	-	0	12 6
May 22.	To the hire of four cattle wains, for one day, to remove the baggage of the 17th light dragoons to the ordnance wharf, at 5l. each	-	20	0 0
24.	To the hire of two cattle wains, for two days, carrying the baggage of the 17th light dragoons, from the barracks to the ordnance wharf, at 5l. each	-	20	0 0
	To the hire of one mule cart, employed as above, for two days, at 50s. per day		5	0 0
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JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROB. THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of July, 1797.

W. PINK.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 31, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain, which made three turns, and four mule carts, which made five turns each, in carrying the baggage of the 17th dismounted light dragoons, from the ordnance wharf to the barracks; and that they did it accordingly.

E. HUGHES, *quartermaster 17th dragoons.*

Kingston, Jamaica, April 3, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two carts, one of which made three and the other two turns, in carrying the baggage of the 17th dismounted light dragoons, from the ordnance wharf to the barracks, and one cart one turn, with a load of officers baggage, from the barracks to Mrs. Foord's lodging-house; and that they did it accordingly.

E. HUGHES, *quartermaster 17th dragoons.*

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Kingston,

Kingston, Jamaica, May 22, 1797.

I do hereby certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, four cattle wains and five mule carts, to carry the baggage and stores of the 17th light dragoons, from the wharf of Atkinson, Mure, and Bogle, to the ordnance wharf, and that they did it accordingly, and were employed the whole day.

E. HUGHES, *quartermaster 17th dragoons.*

Kingston, Jamaica, May 24, 1797.

I do hereby certify, that I received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two cattle wains and one mule cart, to carry the baggage of the 17th light dragoons, from the barracks to Davidson's wharf, they being employed two days; and that they did it accordingly.

E. HUGHES, *quartermaster 17th dragoons.*

No. 10.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *for the 13th light dragoons,*

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

Mar. 31. To the hire of one cattle wain, to carry up the baggage of the 13th light dragoons, from ordnance wharf to the barracks, four turns, being one day's labour, at 25s.

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To the hire of three mule carts, to carry up the baggage of the 13th light dragoons, from ordnance wharf to the barracks, four turns, being one day's labour, at 12s.

6d. per turn

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June 3. To the hire of a mule cart, to carry a load of saddles for the 13th light dragoons to the ferry

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JAMAICA, ss.

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROBERT THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 31st day of October, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 31, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain, which made four turns, and three mule carts, which made four turns each, in carrying the baggage of the 13th dismounted light dragoons, from the ordnance wharf to the barracks; and that they did it accordingly.

JOHN KING, *sergeant-major and acting quartermaster 13th dragoons.*

Kingston, Jamaica, June 3, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one mule cart, to carry a load of saddles belonging to the 13th light dragoons, from here to the ferry; and that it went accordingly.

JOHN KING, *sergeant-major and acting quartermaster 13th dragoons.*

No. 11.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

1797.

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Feb. 20. To the hire of two mule carts, to go to Stoney-Hill barracks, to bring down the officers baggage of the 3d West-India regiment, from there to here, being two days labour, at 50s. per day each

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JAMAICA, *p.*

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROBERT THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of July, 1797.

W. PINK.

No. 12.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JUDITH JOSEPHS, Dr.

To the hire of a horse. for the use of the mess and hospital of the 63d regiment, at Stoney-Hill, for bringing up their supplies. from the 16th of December, 1796, to the 12th of January, 1797, being twenty-eight days, at 20s. per day, amounts to

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GEO. THOMPSON, lieutenant and quartermaster 63d regiment.

JAMAICA, *p.*

Personally appeared before me, Judith Josephs, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of her knowledge and belief.

JUDITH JOSEPHS,

Sworn before me, this 15th day of August, 1797.

GEO. KINGHORN.

No. 13.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, for the 63d regiment,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

l. s. d.

1797.

Aug. 21.	To the hire of a wain, to bring up a pipe of wine from Mr. Atkinson's wharf to the brick-kilns, the corner of the Spanish-Town road, being obliged to remove it that evening. on account of the wharf shutting up	-	-	0	15	0
	To the hire of two wains, to carry stores for said regiment, from Kingston to Spanish-Town, making two day's labour, at 8l. 5s. per trip, and toll, 3s. 4d. each	16	16	8		
	To the hire of two carts. as above, at 3l. 5s. each, and toll, 1s. 8d. each	-	7	10	0	
24.	To the hire of one wain, employed carrying stores for the above regiment, at 8l. 5s. and toll, 3s. 4d.	-	-	8	8	4
Sept. 4.	To the hire of a wain, employed for the above regiment, to carry a load of baggage from Kingston to Spanish-Town, at 8l. 5s. and toll, 3s. 4d.	-	-	8	8	4
14.	To the hire of a mule cart, to carry baggage from Kingston to Spanish-Town, at 3l. 5s. and toll, 1s. 8d.	-	-	3	6	8
Oct. 16.	To the hire of a wain, to carry stores from Kingston to Spanish-Town, for the use of said regiment, being two days labour, at 8l. 5s. and toll, 3s. 4d.	-	-	8	8	4

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JAMAICA, *p.*

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston. and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROBERT THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 31st day of October, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

Kingston, Jamaica, August 21, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain, to bring up a pipe of wine from Mure, Atkinson, and company's wharf to the brick-kilns, and two wains and two mule carts,

carts, to carry stores belonging to the 63d regiment, from here to Spanish-Town; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, lieutenant 63d regiment.

Memorandum:—The above was for the hospital.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 24, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain, to carry stores from here to Spanish-Town, belonging to the 63d regiment; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, lieutenant 63d regiment.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 4, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain, to carry a load of officers baggage, belonging to the 63d regiment, from here to Spanish-Town; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, lieutenant 63d regiment.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 14, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one mule cart, to carry an officer's baggage, belonging to the 63d regiment, from here to Spanish-Town; and that they did it accordingly.

GEO. THOMPSON, lieutenant 63d regiment.

Kingston, Oct. 16, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain, with a load from Kingston to Spanish-Town, for the use of the 63d regiment.

GEO. THOMPSON, lieutenant 63d regiment.

No. 14.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, for the 83d regiment,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

1797.

	l.	s.	d.
July 15. To the hire of two carts, to carry the invalids from Kingston barracks to the ordnance wharf, at 12s. 6d. each	1	5	0
Aug. 21. To the hire of nine wains, to carry the baggage of the above regiment, from the barracks to the ordnance wharf, at 1l. 5s. each	11	5	0
To the hire of nine carts, as above, at 12s. 6d. each	5	12	6
22. To the hire of two wains, who made three turns each, from Kingston barracks to the store in West-street, at 15s. each trip	4	10	0
To the hire of two carts, as above, made one turn each, at 7s. 6d. each	0	15	0
Oct. 23. To the hire of a cart, as above, to carry a load of baggage, at 12s. 6d.	0	12	6

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JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROB. THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 31st day of October, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, for the 20th light dragoons,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

1797.

	l.	s.	d.
May 30. To the hire of a cart, to carry baggage of the 20th light dragoons to Spanish-Town, at 3l. 5s. and toll, 1s. 8d.	3	6	8
Sept. 14. To the hire of a cart, for the use of the above regiment	3	6	8

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Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROBERT THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 31st day of October, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

Kingston, Jamaica, July 15, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two mule carts, to carry down invalids and baggage belonging to the 83d regiment, from the barracks to the ordnance wharf, one turn each; and that they did it accordingly.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, *quartermaster 83d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, August 21, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, nine cattle wains and nine mule carts, to carry down the baggage of the 83d regiment, from the barracks to the ordnance wharf, one turn each; and that they did it accordingly.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, *quartiermaster 83d regiment.*

30th May, 1797. Received the cart load of baggage.

EDWARD CALDWELL, *assistant surgeon 20th light dragoons.*

Kingston, Jamaica, September 14, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one cart, to carry a load of stores belonging to the 20th light horse, from here to Spanish-Town; and that they did it accordingly.

J. ROBINSON, *surgeon 20th light dragoons.*

Kingston, Jamaica, October 23, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one mule cart, to carry the baggage belonging to the 83d regiment to the wherry-wharf, two turns; and that they did it accordingly.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, *quartermaster 83d regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, August 22, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two wains, which made three turns each, and two carts, which made one turn each, in carrying the baggage belonging to the 83d regiment, from the barracks to the store-house; and that they did it accordingly.

WILLIAM RUSSELL, *quartermaster 83d regiment.*

No. 15.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT, *for the 60th regiment,*

TO ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

l. s. d.

1797.

Aug. 20 & 21. To the hire of fifteen wains, from day-break in the morning till night, carrying the baggage of the 60th regiment, from the ordnance wharf to the barracks, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per</i> day	-	-	-	-	75	0	0
To fifteen carts, employed as above, at 2 <i>l.</i> 10 <i>s.</i> each <i>per</i> day	-	-	-	-	37	10	0
To the hire of three carts, to carry baggage from Kingston barracks to foot of Stony-Hill, being one day's labour, at 5 <i>s.</i> <i>per</i> day	-	-	-	-	7	10	0
21. To the hire, as above, to carry the baggage from the foot of the hill to the barracks, being one day's labour, as above, at 5 <i>s.</i> each <i>per</i> day	-	-	-	-	7	10	0
22. To the hire of six wains, employed carrying the above regiment's baggage from the wharf to the barracks, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	-	30	0	0
To seven carts, as above, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	17	10	0
To the hire of two wains, to carry baggage from Kingston barracks to foot of Stony-Hill, being one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per</i> day	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
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	To carrying baggage from the foot of the hill to the barracks, being one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
	To the hire of three carts, to carry baggage of the 60th regiment, from Kingston barracks to the foot of the hill, being one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	7	10	0
	To a day's labour, to carry ditto from the foot of the hill to the barracks, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	7	10	0
23.	To the hire of five carts, to carry bread and stores to the foot of the hill from Kingston barracks, being one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	12	10	0
	To ditto from the foot of the hill to the barracks, being one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	12	10	0
	To the hire of five wains, employed as above, carrying baggage to the foot of the hill, being one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	25	0	0
	To carrying ditto from the foot of the hill to the barracks, being one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	25	0	0
24.	To the hire of four wains, carrying baggage and bread from Kingston barracks to the foot of the hill, being one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
	To a day's hire, from above to the barracks, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
	To four carts, as above, making two day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
25.	To the hire of three wains, to carry baggage from Kingston barracks to the foot of the hill, being one day's labour, at 5 <i>l.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	15	0	0
	To two carts, employed as above, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
	To a day's labour of three wains, from the foot of the hill to the barracks, at 5 <i>l.</i> each	-	-	-	-	15	0	0
	To two carts, from ditto to ditto, being a day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
	To carrying an officer's baggage from his lodgings to the barracks	-	-	-	-	0	12	6
26.	To the hire of three carts, to carry bread and baggage from Kingston to the foot of the hill, being one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	7	10	0
	To ditto, from the foot of the hill to the barracks, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	7	10	0
27.	To the hire of two carts, to carry bread for the use of the regiment, from Kingston to the foot of the hill, being a day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
	To the carrying ditto, from ditto to the hill, being a day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
28.	To the hire of four carts, to carry bread and baggage from Kingston barracks to the hill, being one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
	To ditto, from the hill to the barracks, being one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
	To the hire of two carts, to carry flour from the barracks to the bakers, at 10 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	1	0	0
29.	To the hire of two carts, to carry bread for the use of the regiment, from Kingston barracks to the foot of the hill, being one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
	To ditto, from the foot of the hill to the barracks, being one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
	To one cart, to carry flour from Kingston barracks to the bakers	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
30 & 31.	To the hire of four carts, to carry bread from Kingston to the foot of the hill, being one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each <i>per day</i>	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
	To ditto of ditto, to Stoney-Hill barracks, being one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
Sept. 1 & 2.	To the hire of six carts, to carry baggage from Kingston barracks to the foot of the hill, one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	15	0	0
	To ditto, from ditto to Stoney-Hill barracks, one day's labour, at 50 <i>s.</i> each	-	-	-	-	15	0	0
	To a cart, to carry flour from the barracks to the bakers	-	-	-	-	0	10	0

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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
5 & 7. To the hire of two carts, to carry up stores from Kingston barracks to the foot of the hill, one day's labour, at 50s. each	5	0	0
To ditto, from the foot of the hill to the barracks, one day's labour, at 50s. each	5	0	0
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JAMAICA. *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and saith, that the within account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROB. THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 31st day of October, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 20 & 21, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, fifteen wains and fifteen carts, to bring up the baggage belonging to the 60th regiment, from the ordnance wharf to the barracks; and also three carts, to carry baggage from here to Stoney-Hill barracks, belonging to the same regiment; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 22, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, six wains and seven carts, to bring up the baggage belonging to the 60th regiment, from the ordnance wharf to the barracks; and also two wains and three carts, to carry baggage from here to Stoney-Hill barracks, belonging to the same regiment; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 23, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, three carts, to carry bread and stores, and one wain, to carry ammunition stores, belonging to the 60th regiment, to the barracks; and also four wains and two carts, to carry up baggage to Stoney-Hill barracks, belonging to the same regiment; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 24, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, four wains and four carts, to carry baggage and bread belonging to the 60th regiment, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 25, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, three wains and two carts, to carry up baggage and bread, belonging to the 60th regiment, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks; and also one cart to bring the baggage of an officer of the same regiment, from his lodgings to the barracks here; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 26, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, three carts, to carry bread and baggage belonging to the 60th regiment, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 27, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two carts, to carry bread for the use of the 60th regiment, from here to the barracks at Stoney-Hill; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston,

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 28, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, four carts, to carry baggage and bread, belonging to the 60th regiment, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks; and also two carts, to carry flour from the barracks here to the bakers, for the use of the same regiment; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 29, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two carts, to carry bread for the use of the 60th regiment, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks; and also one cart, to carry flour from the barracks here to the bakers, for the use of the same regiment; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 30 & 31, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two carts each day, to carry up bread for the use of the 60th regiment, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston, Sept. 1 & 2, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, three carts, two to carry baggage from here up to Stoney-Hill each day, and one to carry flour from the barracks here to the bakers, the 2d instant, for the use of the 60th regiment; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 5 & 7, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one cart each day, to carry up stores for the 60th regiment, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks; and that they did it accordingly.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

Stoney-Hill, Nov. 4, 1797.

I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the wains and carts, as within specified, were employed in carrying the stores and baggage of the 4th battalion 60th regiment.

R. J. NAPIER, *lieutenant-colonel commanding 4th battalion 60th regiment.*

No. 16.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM COLLINS & Co.

Dr.

1796.

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Dec. 7.	To two carts, with two horses each, employed in conveying baggage for 62d regiment				
	foot, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston, at 90s. each	-	-	9	0
9.	To four carts, with two horses each, employed as above	-	-	18	0
10.	To four carts, with two horses each, as ditto	-	-	18	0
12.	To five carts, with two horses each, as ditto	-	-	22	10
13.	To four carts, with two horses each, as ditto	-	-	18	0
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J. O'BRIEN, *quartermaster 62d regiment.*

I certify upon my honour, that I believe the above account is perfectly just.

THO. DRINKWATER, *major commanding 62d regiment.*

Personally appeared, William Collins, and being duly sworn, deposes, and says, that the account within is just and true.

WILLIAM COLLINS.

Sworn before me, this 14th December, 1796.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE,

No.

No. 17.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM COLLINS & Co.

Dr.

1797.

l. s.

Jan. 23. To six carts and twelve horses, employed one day, in removing the baggage of general Bowyer, of the 66th regiment, from Kingston to Spanish-Town, 90s. each cart

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27. To ditto one cart, to Spanish-Town, 90s.

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I do hereby certify, that the above carts were employed in removing major-general Bowyer's baggage, from Kingston to Spanish-Town.

T. B. CAMPBELL, *aid-du-camp*.

Personally appeared before me, William Collins, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, that the above number of horses and carts were employed as above.

WILLIAM COLLINS.

Sworn before me, this of October, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

No. 18.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM COLLINS & Co.

Dr.

1797.

Feb. 24. To eight carts, with two horses in each cart, employed in carrying the sick, convalescents, baggage, &c. &c. of the Irish brigade, from Spanish-Town to Port-Henderson and Fort-Augusta, at 90s.

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Personally appeared before me, William Collins, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, that the above number of horses and carts were employed as above.

WILLIAM COLLINS.

Sworn before me, this of October, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

Feb. 24, 1797.

I do certify, that eight carts, with two horses each, the property of messieurs Collins and Magson, have been employed, assisting in carrying the sick, convalescents, baggage, &c. &c. of the Irish brigade, from Spanish-Town to Port-Henderson and Fort-Augusta, occasioned by the vast quantity of cloathing and accoutrements taken to Europe, packed in large puncheons and regimental chests.

WILLIAM PIKE, *quartermaster 5th regiment Irish brigade*.

No. 19.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To COLLINS & Co.

Dr.

1796.

l. s.

Dec. 16. To hire of three carts, with six horses, employed in carrying the baggage, &c. of his majesty's 63d regiment, from Kingston barracks to the barracks on Stoney-Hill, at 90s. each cart

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19. To hire of four carts, with eight horses, employed as above, at 90s. each

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1797.

Jan. 13. To three carts, with six horses, employed as above

15 10

18. To two ditto, with four ditto, ditto

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March

<i>Mar.</i> 20. To hire of five carts, with ten horses, in carrying baggage, &c. &c. from Kingston barracks to the barracks in Spanish-Town, at 90s. each	-	-	22 10
21. To hire of three carts, with six horses, employed in carrying the baggage from Kingston barracks to the king's yard <i>per</i> order of James Dean, acting deputy quartermaster-general, one day, at 90s. each	-	-	13 10
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GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Personally appeared before me, George Wilson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, that the above number of carts, horses, &c. were employed as above.

GEO. WILSON.

Sworn before me, this 26th July, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

No. 20.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

	To COLLINS & Co.	Dr.
1796.		l. s.
<i>Dec.</i> 9. To the hire of one waggon and one cart, with six horses, for removing the sick, with their luggage, &c. from Kingston barracks to Up-Park Camp, for his majesty's 63d regiment, one day; the waggon 9/ cart 4/ 10s.	-	13 10
11. To hire of two carts, with four horses, to carry provisions, &c. for the sick, from Kingston to Up-Park Camp, one day, at 4/ 10s. each	-	9 0
<i>Mar.</i> 24. To hire of four carts, and eight horses, for removing the sick, and their luggage, &c. from Stoney Hill barracks to Kingston barracks, <i>per</i> order of James Dean, deputy quartermaster-general, at 4/ 10s. each	-	18 0
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PATRICK MITCHELL, *surgeon 63d regiment.*

Personally appeared before me, George Wilson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, that the above number of waggons, carts, horses, &c. were employed as above.

GEORGE WILSON.

Sworn before me, this 26th July, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

No. 21.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

	To WILLIAM COLLINS & Co.	Dr.
1797.		l. s.
<i>Aug.</i> 19. To five carts, and ten horses, employed in removing the sick and baggage of his majesty's 60th regiment of foot, from Hugh Bogle's wharf to Kingston barracks, one day, at 90s.	-	22 10
20. To nine carts, with two horses in each cart, employed in removing the baggage from the ordnance wharf to Kingston barracks, and from there to the barracks on Stoney Hill, one day, at ditto	-	40 10
21. To nine carts, with two horses in each cart, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, one day, at ditto	-	40 10
22. To nine carts, with two horses in each cart, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, one day, at ditto	-	40 10
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	23. To nine carts, with two horses in each cart, employed in removing the baggage from the ordnance wharf to Kingston barracks, and from there to Stoney-Hill barracks, one day, at 90s.	7. 5.
	24. To nine carts, with two horses in each cart, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, one day	40 10
	25. To nine carts, with two horses in each cart, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, one day, at ditto	40 10
	29. To four carts, with two horses in each cart, employed as above, in removing baggage, &c. from Edward Burton's wharf to Kingston barracks, one day, at ditto	18 0
Sept.	1. To two carts, with two horses in each cart, employed in carrying baggage from the barracks in Kingston to the barracks on Stoney Hill, one day	9 0
	3. To two carts, with two horses in each cart, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, two days	18 0
	7. To two carts, with two horses in each cart, employed as above, to the barracks on Stoney-Hill, two days	18 0
	9. To two carts, with two horses in each cart, employed as above, to the barracks on Stoney-Hill	18 0
	11. To two carts, with two horses in each cart, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, two days	18 0
	16. To one cart, with two horses, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, two days	9 0
	22. To one cart, with two horses, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, two days	9 0
	25. To two carts, with two horses in each cart, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, one day	9 0
	27. To one cart, with two horses, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, one day	4 10
Oct.	7. To one cart, with two horses, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, one day	4 10
	12. To one cart, with two horses, employed as above, to Stoney-Hill barracks, one day	4 10
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		405 0

I do hereby certify, after due examination of the vouchers given by me, and under my own inspection, that the carts, horses, &c. as mentioned above, were employed for the 4th battalion of his majesty's 60th regiment of foot, and that the account is just and true.

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 4th bat. 60th regt.* R. J. NAPIER, *lieut. col. comm. 4th bat. 60th regt.*

Personally appeared before me, William Collins, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, that the above number of horses and carts were employed as above.

WILLIAM COLLINS.

Sworn before me, this of October, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

No. 22.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM COLLINS & Co. Dr.

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Jan. 15. To eight carts and sixteen horses, employed one day, in removing the baggage of his majesty's 62d regiment, from the barracks in Kingston to the ordnance wharf

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Personally appeared before me, George Wilson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, that the above number of horses and carts were employed as above.

GEO. WILSON.

Sworn before me, this 30th of March, 1797.

ROB. DONALDSON.

SAMUEL TAYLOR, lieutenant 62d regiment.

No. 23.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GEORGE ABRAMS SHAW, Dr.

For the hire of a negro, two mules, and a cart, carrying sundry baggage, and also fresh provisions, hospital stores, &c. &c. for the use of the officers and hospital of a detachment of his majesty's 67th regiment of foot, stationed at Stoney-Hill barracks, from 24th April, 1796, to 27th June, inclusive, sixty-five days, at 35s. per day, is

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JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, George Abrams Shaw, of the parish of Kingston, retailer, who being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just, and that the charges are reasonable.

GEO. ABRAMS SHAW.

Sworn before me, this 20th November, 1796.

B. WATERHOUSE.

Quartermaster-general's office, Kingston, Nov. 29. 1796.

I hereby certify, that I have examined the within account, and find it just: The cart, &c. &c. as therein charged to the public, was actually supplied the detachment of the 67th regiment, for the purpose of transporting baggage, hospital stores, and fresh provisions, for officers and hospital, by the express directions of captain Alston, deputy quartermaster-general.

ALEX. BUCHANAN.

No. 24.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GEORGE ABRAMS SHAW, Dr.

To the hire of seventeen carts, with two mules each, employed in transporting baggage belonging to the 62d regiment, from Stoney-Hill to the barracks in Kingston, from the 5th to the 13th December, 1796, at 90s. per cart

76 10

I hereby certify, that the carts, as per the above account, were employed as specified.

J. O'BRIEN, quartermaster 62d regiment.

The above is a just account.

THO. DRINKWATER, major commanding 62d.

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared, George Abrams Shaw, and being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just, and the charges reasonable.

GEO. ABRAMS SHAW.

Sworn before me, this 25th day of January, 1797.

A. WARREN.

No. 25.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GEORGE ABRAMS SHAW, Dr.

1797. For supplying his majesty's 63d-regiment, stationed at Stoney-Hill barracks, with a negro, two mules, and a cart, which were constantly employed on the duty of the regiment, from 4th

January,

January, 1797, to the 26th March following, seventy-six days, at 30s. *per* day, which sum in-
cludes maintenance of mules, &c.

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Spanish-Town, July 5, 1796.

I certify that the negro, mule, and cart, above-mentioned, were hired for the purpose of supplying the regimental hospital of the 63d regiment, while at Stoney-Hill, and in bringing other supplies to the officers and men of the said regiment, from Kingston, while at that post.

ROB. BRERETON, *lieutenant-colonel commanding 63d regiment.*

Personally appeared, George Abrams Shaw, of the parish of Kingston, and being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, and charges reasonable.

GEORGE A. SHAW.

Sworn before me, this 26th day July, 1797.

A. WARREN.

No. 26.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GEORGE ABRAMS SHAW, Dr.

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1796.			
Dec. 6.	To hire of two carts, with two horses each, carrying baggage of 63d regiment, from Kingston to Stoney-Hill barracks, at 90s. <i>per</i> cart	-	9 0
8.	To hire of two carts, with two horses each, employed as above, at 90s.	-	9 0
10.	To hire of two carts, with two horses each, employed as above, at 90s.	-	9 0
12.	To hire of one cart, with two horses, employed as above, at 90s.	-	4 10
	To hire of six carts, employed the whole day, in transporting sick and convalescent troops 63d regiment, and baggage, &c. from ordnance wharf in Kingston to hospital at Up-Park Camp, at 65s.	-	19 10
14.	To hire of two carts, with two horses each, carrying baggage from Kingston to Stoney-Hill barracks	-	9 0
16.	To hire of one cart and two horses, employed in carrying baggage from Kingston to Stoney-Hill barracks	-	4 10
			64 10

I hereby certify, that the carts, as *per* the above account, were employed by me, and did actually perform the work, as therein specified.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

Personally appeared, George Abrams Shaw, of the parish of Kingston, retailer, and being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the within account is just, and charges reasonable.

GEO. A. SHAW.

Sworn before me, this 26th day July, 1797.

A. WARREN.

No. 27.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GEORGE ABRAMS SHAW, Dr.

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1796.			
Dec. 29.	To hire of two large carts, with two horses each, carrying regimental stores 63d regiment, from the barracks in Kingston to Stoney-Hill, at 90s. each	-	9 0
30.	To hire of two carts, and two horses each, employed in carrying stores, as above, 90s.	-	9 0
	To hire of one cart, employed in carrying convalescent troops of 63d regiment, from Up-Park Camp hospital to Stoney-Hill barracks	-	4 10
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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
<i>Jan.</i> 1. To hire two carts, with two horses each, employed in carrying convalescent troops and baggage, from hospital at Up-Park Camp to barracks at Stoney-Hill, 90s. each	9	0
2. To hire two carts, employed in transporting sick troops, from Stoney-Hill barracks to Up-Park Camp hospital. at 90s.	-	-
5. To hire of one cart and two horses, carrying stores for armorer, &c. 63d regiment, to Stoney-Hill	9	0
13. To hire of two carts, with two horses each, carrying convalescent troops, from Up-Park Camp hospital to Stoney Hill barracks	4	10
14. To hire of one cart, bringing down sick troops from Stoney-Hill to Up-Park	9	0
15. To hire of one cart, bringing down sick troops 63d regiment, from Stoney-Hill to hospital at Up-Park Camp	4	10
16. To hire of six large carts, employed the day, in transporting the invalids and convalescent troops of 63d regiment, from hospital at Up-Park, to ordnance wharf in Kingston, for embarkation, at 65s. each	-	-
	19	10
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	82	10

I hereby certify, that the carts charged in the foregoing account, were employed by me, and that they did actually perform the work for 63d regiment, as therein specified.

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster 63d regiment.*

JAMAICA. *ff.*

Personally appeared, George Abrams Shaw, of the parish of Kingston, and being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the foregoing account is just and true, and charges reasonable.

GEORGE A. SHAW.

Sworn before me, this 26th day July, 1797.

A. WARREN.

No. 28.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GEORGE ABRAMS SHAW, *Dr.*

To the hire of six carts, employed by major Drinkwater, the 16th January, 1797, at the embarkation of 62d regiment, at 65s. per cart per day

l. *s.*

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I certify, that the carts were employed as specified.

J. O'BRIEN, *quartermaster 62d regiment.*

The above is a just account.

THO. DRINKWATER, *major commanding 62d.*

JAMAICA. *ff.*

Personally appeared, George Abrams Shaw, of the parish of Kingston, store-keeper, and being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above is a true account, and the charges reasonable.

GEO. A. SHAW.

Sworn before me, this 25th day January, 1797.

ALGER. WARREN.

No. 29.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To C. DOBBIN, *Dr.*

To the hire of fourteen pioneers, from the 5th December, 1796, to the 14th of March following, both days inclusive, being one thousand three hundred and eighty-six days of one pioneer, for the use of the 40th regiment, at 3s. 4d. per day

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JAMAICA, *ff.*—*Surrey.*

Personally appeared, Clotworthy Dobbin, and made oath, on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the above account is just and true, that the charge is usual and reasonable, and that no part thereof has been paid.

CLOT. DOBBIN.

Sworn this 4th April, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

I certify, that C. Dobbin has furnished fourteen pioneers, for the use of 40th regiment, from the 5th December, 1796, to 14th March following, both days inclusive.

B. SPENCER, *lieutenant-colonel 40th regiment.*

No. 30.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To CLOT. DOBBIN, Dr.

To four pioneers, for the 5th battalion Irish brigade, from 30th August to the 5th November, both days inclusive, at 3s. 4d. each, being equal to one slave, for two hundred and seventy-two days

	l.	s.	d.
	45	6	8

I approve the above account, and do declare, that the officers successively commanding the detachment at Fort-Augusta did report to me, that captain Dobbin furnished four negroes, as pioneers.

ED. STACK.

Clotworthy Dobbin being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just.

CLOT. DOBBIN.

Sworn before me, this 16th day of December, 1796.

ADAM DOLMAGE.

No. 31.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM M'ROBBIE, Dr.

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1796.

Dec. 16. To hire of ten able negro men, serving as pioneers to the 5th regiment Irish brigade, from the 30th September last to this day, both days inclusive, being seventy-eight days, at 3s. 4d. each *per day*, deducting twenty-four days absence of one negro named Quallie, twenty-one days ditto of one ditto named Ned, and twenty-one days ditto of one ditto named Toby

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JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, William M'Robbie, who made oath, that he believes the above account to be just.

WILLIAM M'ROBBIE.

Sworn before me, this 16th December, 1796.

ADAM DOLMAGE.

We do certify, that the pioneers have been employed as mentioned.

DANIEL ORCHARD, *acting adjutant 5th brigade.*

WILLIAM PIKE, *quartermaster 5th Irish brigade.*

No. 32.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

For the use of his majesty's 3d regiment of Irish brigade, Dr.

To grafs for a cart horse, from 25th September, 1796, to 17th March, 1797, inclusive, being 174 days, at 3s. 9d. *per day*

	l.	s.	d.
	27	12	6

THOS. M'DERMOTT, *lieutenant-colonel commanding*

No.

No. 33.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To the OFFICERS of his majesty's 3d REGIMENT OF IRISH BRIGADE, for LODGING-MONEY, from the 26th November, 1796, to 17th March, 1797, inclusive, Dr.

				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Lieutenant-colonel Thomas M'Dermott, from 26th November to 17th March, 16 weeks, at 10s. 2d. per week	-	-	-	15	6	8
Captain Dennis O'Ferrall, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at 7s. 9d. per week	-	6	4	0
Captain Henry Tarleton, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Lieutenant Wm. McCarthy, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Lieutenant Thomas Farrell, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Lieutenant James Cullen, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Lieutenant E. B. Moystin, from ditto	to 2d Jan.	5 ditto, at ditto	-	2	1	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Lieutenant Patrick Wogan, from ditto	to 17th March,	16 ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Ensign John Fitz Patrick, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Ensign John M'Dermott, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Ensign Henry M'Dermott, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Ensign James O'Reilly, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Ensign Pierce Aylward, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Ensign Hyacinth Fallon, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Ensign Thomas Walsh, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Surgeon Alexander Gillespie, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	6	4	0
Surgeon's mate Edm. Proctor, from ditto	to 17th Feb.	12 ditto, at ditto	-	4	13	0
Captain William Healy, from 18th Feb.	to 17th March,	4 ditto, at ditto	-	1	11	0
Lieutenant Robert Brennar, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	1	11	0
Lieutenant Thomas Walters, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	1	11	0
Lieutenant John Blair, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	1	11	0
Lieutenant John Ferris, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	1	11	0
Inspector Con. O'Connell, from ditto	to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-	1	11	0
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THOS. M'DERMOTT, lieutenant-colonel commanding.

No. 34.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA.

Contingent account of his majesty's 3d regiment of Irish brigade, from the 25th November, 1796, to 16th March, 1797, at which period this regiment embarked for St. Domingo.

Paid for the candles furnished to the guard-houses of Spanish-Town, by the sergeant-major of 20th L. light dragoons

THO. M'DERMOTT, lieutenant-colonel commanding 3d regiment of Irish brigade.

No. 35.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN FITZ PATRICK.

Dr.

1796 & 1797.

To hire of two pioneers, for the use of his majesty's 3d regiment of Irish brigade, commanded by lieutenant-colonel M'Dermott, from the 1st of December, 1796, to 16th March, 1797, both days included, at 3s. 4d. each per day, one hundred and six days

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I do certify the above account to be a just one.

DENNIS O'FERRALL, *captain commanding.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace for the island aforesaid, John Fitz Patrick, and made oath, that the above account, for hire of pioneers, is a just and true account.

JOHN FITZ PATRICK.

Sworn before me, this 18th day of August, 1797.

J. M. DWYER.

No. 36.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER 13TH LIGHT DRAGOONS,

To ABRAHAM MELHADO,

Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

April 2. To the hire of a pioneer, for the use of a detachment of the above dragoons, from December 5, 1796, to this date, is one hundred and nineteen days, at 3s. 4d. per day, both inclusive - - - - - 19 16 8

I certify, that the above pioneer did duty for the time specified.

T. NICHOLS, *assistant surgeon to the garrison, Port-Royal.*

I hereby certify, the above pioneer was employed by captain Dixon, for the use of the detachment of the 13th light dragoons, when they were quartered at Port-Royal, and when he was ordered to take the command of it.

JOHN RAMSEY, *lieutenant-colonel royal artillery.*

No. 37.

Account of LODGING-MONEY due the OFFICERS of the 17TH DRAGOONS, quartered on the town of Port-Royal, from 9th January to 30th March, 1797.

l. s. d.

Capt. J. Macdonell, commanding	from 9th Jan. to 30th Mar.	11 weeks 4 days, at 50l. per ann.	11	1	11
Capt. Robert Lowe,	from ditto to ditto,	ditto ditto, at 20l. ditto	4	8	9
Lieutenant Richard Aylmer,	from ditto to ditto,	ditto ditto, at ditto ditto	4	8	9
Lieutenant David Supple,	from ditto to ditto,	ditto ditto, at ditto ditto	4	8	9
Lieutenant John Manwaring	from ditto to ditto,	ditto ditto, at ditto ditto	4	8	9
Lieutenant James Hellings,	from ditto to ditto,	ditto ditto, at ditto ditto	4	8	9
Lieutenant Philip Tisdall,	from 2d Mar. to ditto,	4 weeks 1 day, at ditto ditto	1	17	3
Lieutenant Robert Jones,	from ditto to ditto,	ditto ditto, at ditto ditto	1	17	3
Cornet Thomas Windsor,	from 9th ditto to ditto,	11 ditto 4 ditto, at ditto ditto	4	8	9
Surgeon Isaac Robinson,	from ditto to ditto,	ditto ditto, at ditto ditto	4	8	9
Quartermaster Edward Hughes,	from ditto to ditto,	ditto ditto, at ditto ditto	4	8	9

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JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace for the island aforesaid, captain James Macdonell, and made oath, that the above account is just and true, according to the best of his knowledge and belief; and that the officers, as above specified, were not furnished with apartments in the barracks, during the above time.

J. MACDONELL, *captain 17th light dragoons.*

Sworn before me, this 22d day of May, 1797.

THOMAS HUGHAN.

No. 38.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GRACE MECHAM, Dr.

To a mess-room for his majesty's 3d regiment of Irish brigade, from 26th November, 1796, to 12th March, 1797, inclusive, at 100*l.* per year - - - 29 6

THOS. M'DERMOTT, lieutenant-colonel commanding.

No. 39.

THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,

To MALCOLM, PATERSON, & Co. Dr.

1797.
 June 28. To making 100 cartridges, finding paper, twine, and paste, at 7½*d.* each - 3 2 6
 To paid for 12*lbs.* tarred rope, to hoist colours - 1 0 0
 To one double bolted padlock, to secure the door of the magazine - 0 7 6
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The above is just.

GEORGE GRAY, lieutenant Fort-Charlotte.

No. 40.

THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA, by desire of captain Jackson,

To NATHANIEL & GEORGE GRAY, Dr.

1797.
 Oct. 18. To two years cloathing four black shot, attached to Fort-Charlotte, to this date, at 5*l.* each per annum - - - - - 40

The above account is just.

GEORGE GRAY, lieutenant Fort-Charlotte.

No. 41.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To DAVID ROSS, Dr.

1797.
 To serving the troops at the Twelve-Apostles Battery, with eighty-nine casks water, from 20th March up to the 20th August following, at the rate of 5*s.* 7½*d.* per cask - 27 8 2½

I do certify, that the above account is just, the above-mentioned quantity of water having been delivered at the Apostles-Battery, for the use of the troops quartered there.

ANDREW ROSS, captain of the Apostles-Battery.

No. 42.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA, for 17th light dragoons,

To NATHANIEL & GEORGE GRAY, Dr.

1796.
 Nov. 10. To a half-barrel FF gunpowder, 56*lb.* at 6*s.* 8*d.* - - - 18 13 4

The above gunpowder was purchased by me, in consequence of there not being any island powder in the magazine, fit for the use of carbines.

WILLIAM RICHARDS, captain 17th light dragoons.

No.

No. 43.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GEORGE R. JOHNSON, Dr.

1797.

l. s.

May 1. To supplying a detachment of the 17th light dragoons, quartered at Lucea barracks, with wood, from the 1st August, 1796, to date, 68 chords, at 32s. 6d. - 110 10

The above service was performed.

WILLIAM RICHARDS, captain 17th light dragoons.

Lucea barracks, May 1st, 1797.

I do swear, that the above account, as set forth, is just and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.—So help me God.

GEORGE ROBERT JOHNSON.

Sworn before me, this 13th day of May, 1797.

RICHARD HAUGHTON REID.

No. 44.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To BENJAMIN TENISON, Dr.

1796.

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Nov. 15. To supplying a detachment of the 17th light dragoons, in his majesty's service, under the command of captain William Richards, quartered at Lucea barracks, from the above date to the eighth day of May, 1797, inclusive, with water, at 13s. 4d. per day, per agreement - 116

Hanover.—JAMAICA, ff.

I do hereby certify, that I did employ the before-mentioned Benjamin Tenison, to supply the detachment above-mentioned of the 17th light dragoons, quartered at Lucea barracks, under my command, with water, and at the rate above-mentioned; and that the said Benjamin Tenison did perform the same, agreeably to contract.

WM. RICHARDS, captain 17th light dragoons.

Witness, JAMES HOYLE.

Hanover.—JAMAICA, ff.

I do swear, that the above-mentioned detachment of the 17th light dragoons, quartered at Lucea barracks was supplied with water, from the 15th November, 1796, to the 8th of May, 1797, and at the rate of 13s. 4d. per day, as per agreement with captain William Richards.

BENJ. TENISON.

Sworn before me, this 10th day of July, 1797.

JOHN PERRY.

No. 45.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To TERENCE M'DERMOTT, Dr.

To hire of a negro, Cudjoe, at 3s. 4d. per day, for his majesty's service, 3d regiment of Irish brigade, from the 1st November, 1796, to 21st March, 1797, one hundred and eleven days, l. s. at 3s. 4d. per day, amounts to - 18 10

THOMAS M'DERMOTT, lieutenant-colonel commanding 1st regiment Irish brigade.

Spanish-Town, 21st March, 1797.

No. 46.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To ROBERT THOMPSON, Dr.

1796.

June 18. To the hire of my shallop, carrying baggage, ammunition, &c. &c. of his majesty's 13th light dragoons, from Savanna-la-Mar to Parker's Bay - - - 20
JAMAICA, ff. —

I, Robert Thompson, the petitioner in the annexed petition named, do swear, that the above is a just and true account.—*So help me God.*

ROBERT THOMPSON.

Taken and sworn before me, this 31st October, 1797.

GEORGE MURRAY.

This boat was supplied at my request, to carry baggage to Black-River, the roads being too bad at the time, for carts to travel.

GEO. MURRAY.

No. 47.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To DAVID ROSS, Dr.

To hire of five negro pioneers, to serve his majesty's 3d regiment Irish brigade, now lying in Spanish-Town, from 1st December, 1796, to 21st March, 1797, is one hundred and eleven days, at 3s. 4d. each per day - - - 92 10

I certify the above to be just.

THO. McDERMOTT, lieutenant-colonel commanding.

No. 48.

To his honour the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, &c. &c. &c.
The MEMORIAL of major-general BOWYER,

Sheweth,

That your memorialist solicits your honour will be pleased to lay before the honourable house of assembly, his request to be allowed the island pay and lodging-money, usually granted to major-generals on the staff, from the 16th January to 16th April, 1797.

HEN. BOWYER, major-general.

Jamaica, April 16, 1797.

No. 49.

To his honour the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, &c. &c. &c.

The MEMORIAL of captain T. B. CAMPBELL, 66th regiment, aid-du-camp,

Sheweth,

That your memorialist solicits your honour will be pleased to lay before the honourable house of assembly, his request to be allowed the island pay and lodging-money, usually granted to aid-du-camps, from the 16th January to 16th April, 1797.

Jamaica, April 16, 1797.

T. B. CAMPBELL, captain 66th regiment, aid-du-camp.

No. 50.

To the honourable the SPEAKER, and the honourable the MEMBERS, of the house of assembly of Jamaica,

The MEMORIAL of WILLIAM COLLETT, of Stoney-Hill, in the parish of St. Andrew, tavern-keeper,

Most respectfully sheweth,

That your memorialist did, in the month of April last past, convey from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks,

barracks, the baggage of his majesty's 63d regiment, as *per* attested account hereunto annexed, which he hopes your honours will be pleased to order him payment of: And, as in duty bound, he will ever pray, &c. &c. &c.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM COLLETT, Dr.

1797.

April 19. To two carts, with two mules in each cart, employed in taking the 63d regiment of foot baggage, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks.—20. Two ditto ditto.—21. Three ditto ditto.—22. Three ditto ditto.—26. Three ditto ditto.—27. Three ditto ditto.—
Total, sixteen carts, with two mules in each cart, employed as stated, at 5*l.* each 80

GEO. THOMPSON, *quartermaster* 63d regiment.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

William Collett being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is right and just, and charged at the customary prices.

WILLIAM COLLETT.

Sworn before me, this 1st day of August. 1797.

GEO. KINGHORN.

No. 51.

To the honourable the SPEAKER, and the honourable the MEMBERS, of the house of assembly of Jamaica,

The MEMORIAL of JOHN M'DONALD, of Stoney-Hill, in the parish of St. Andrew,

Most-respectfully sheweth,

That your memorialist did, in the month of March last past, convey from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks, the baggage of his majesty's 60th regiment of foot, as *per* attested account hereunto annexed, which he hopes your honours will be pleased to order him payment of: And, as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN M'DONALD, Dr.

1797.

Aug. 29. To one wain, with six steers, employed in bringing up sundries from Kingston to Stoney-Hill, for the 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, quartered there - 10 0
Five carts, with two mules in each cart, employed as stated above, at 90*s.* - 22 10
Oct. 26. Twenty-two carts, employed with two mules in each cart, at different periods, from 8th September to this day, in bringing up baggage and convalescent men, from Kingston barracks, and taking down baggage, sick men, and regimental articles, from Stoney-Hill to the detachment 4th battalion 60th regiment, quartered at Kingston barracks, at 90*s.* each - - - 99 0

131 10

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster* 4th battalion 60th regiment.

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the above is just.

R. J. NAPIER, *lieutenant-colonel* commanding 4th battalion 60th regiment.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, John M'Donald, of the parish of St. Andrew, and maketh oath, that the number of carts, with two mules in each cart, as stated above, were truly employed in removing the baggage of his majesty's 60th regiment of foot, from Stoney-Hill.

JOHN M'DONALD.

Sworn before me, this 4th November. 1797.

JAMES AMOSS.

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No.

No. 52.

To the honourable the SPEAKER, and the honourable the MEMBERS, of the house of assembly of Jamaica,

The MEMORIAL of JOHN M'DONALD, of Stoney-Hill, in the parish of St. Andrew,

Most respectfully sheweth,

That your memorialist did, in the month of October last past, convey from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks, the baggage of his majesty's 63d regiment, of foot, as *per* attested account hereunto annexed, which he hopes your honours will be pleased to order him payment of: And, as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN M'DONALD, Dr.

1797.

				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
To two carts, with two mules in each cart, employed in taking baggage from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks, when a detachment of the 63d regiment of foot was ordered there, at 90s. each				9	0
<i>Mar.</i> 18. To two carts, employed removing the 63d regiment of foot baggage, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks, at 90s. each				9	0
19. To three carts, employed as above, at 90s. each	-	-	-	13	10
20. To three ditto, ditto,	-	-	-	13	0
21. To three ditto, ditto,	-	-	-	13	10
22. To three ditto, ditto,	-	-	-	13	10
26. To three ditto, ditto,	-	-	-	13	10
27. To three ditto, ditto,	-	-	-	13	10
				99	0

GEO. THOMPSON, *lieutenant and acting quartermaster 63d regiment.*

JAMAICA, *ss.*

Personally came and appeared before me, this 4th day of November, 1797. John M'Donald, of the parish of St. Andrew, and maketh oath, that the number of carts, with two mules in each cart, (say twenty-two) were truly employed in removing the baggage of his majesty's 63d regiment of foot, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks, as stated in the above account.

JOHN M'DONALD.

Sworn before me, this 4th November, 1796.

JAMES AMOSS.

No. 53.

To the honourable the SPEAKER, and the honourable the MEMBERS, of the house of assembly of Jamaica,

The MEMORIAL of JOHN M'DONALD, of Stoney-Hill, in the parish of St. Andrew,

Most respectfully sheweth,

That your memorialist did, in the month of July last past, convey from Stoney-Hill to Up-Park Camp, a quantity of arms and ammunition, as *per* attested account hereunto annexed, which he hopes your honours will be pleased to order him payment of: And, as in duty bound, he will ever pray.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN M'DONALD, Dr.

1797.

July 20. To thirteen carts, employed with two mules in each cart, by order of lieutenant-colonel M'Murdo, deputy quartermaster-general, to remove a quantity of arms

and

and ammunition, from Stoney-Hill to Up-Park Camp, where they were delivered, *l. s.*
at 90s. each cart - - - - - 59 10

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally came and appeared before me, this 4th day of November, 1798, John M'Donald, of the parish of St. Andrew, and maketh oath, that the number of carts, with two mules in each cart, (say thirteen) were actually and truly employed by him, in removing the above stated quantity of arms and ammunition, from Stoney-Hill to Up-Park Camp, and there delivered.

JOHN M'DONALD.

Sworn before me, this 4th of November, 1797.

JAMES AMOSS.

I certify, that Mr. M'Donald was employed to remove the arms and ammunition, as above stated, and that he did so.

CHARLES M'MURDO, *quartermaster-general.*

No. 54.

To the right honourable the earl of BALCARRES, *lieutenant-governor, commander in chief, &c. &c. &c.*

The MEMORIAL of CHARLES LIND, *surgeon to the forces in Jamaica,*

Solicits, that your lordship will be pleased to lay before the honourable house of assembly, his request to be granted the following allowances, hitherto given to his predecessors:

Island pay, from June 19th to December 24th, inclusive, being 27 weeks, at 20s. per week	£. 27
Lodging-money for the same period, at 50l. per annum	26
Lodging-money due to his predecessor, Mr. Lempriere, having undertaken to remit the said sum to him, when paid, being from December 25th, 1796, to June 18th, inclusive, the day preceding my arrival in Jamaica	24

CHARLES LIND, *surgeon to the forces, Jamaica.*

No. IV.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF WORKS,

To WILLIAM CLELAND, *Dr.*

1797.

April. Landing ex ship Phoenix, captain Stimpson, five very heavy large cases, containing sepulchral monuments of the earl of Effingham, finding negroes, blocks, falls, &c. &c. getting them removed, and put into waggons - - - 50

The above is received.

THOMAS WILLIAMS.

No. V.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

1797.

To THOMAS JENKINS, *Dr.*

Aug. 27. For the following purchased by him, for detachments of dragoons under the command of colonel Butter; viz.

1 barrel Irish salt beef	-	-	-	12	10	0
50lbs. salmon. 50s.—1 barrel pilot-bread, 105s.	-	-	-	7	15	0
8 bushels corn, at 15s. per bushel	-	-	-	6	0	0
Paid for negro labour, cooking, &c.	-	-	-	1	12	6
				27	17	6

JAMAICA,

JAMAICA, *ff.—St. Ann.*

Personally appeared before me, S. Shelly, and made oath, that the above is a just and true account.
S. SHELLY.

Sworn before me, this 20th of September, 1797.

HENRY HAMILTON.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To THOMAS JENKINS, Dr.

1795.

Aug. 5. For the following, purchased by him for detachments of the 18th, 19th, and 20th light dragoons, under the command of colonel Sanford, and by his request; viz.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
1 sheep, 65s.—2 hogs, 170s.	-	10 15
2 barrels pilot-bread	-	10 10
1½ dozen wine, 120s.—1 gallon of old rum, 10s.	-	6 10
300 quarts corn, 12l. 10s.—Negro labour, cooking, &c. 85s.	-	16 15
		<hr/> 44 10

JAMAICA, *ff.—St. Ann.*

Personally appeared before me, S. Shelly, and made oath, that the above is a just and true account.
S. SHELLY.

Sworn before me, this 20th of September, 1797.

HENRY HAMILTON.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To THOMAS JENKINS, Dr.

1795.

July 20. For the following purchased by him for a detachment of the 20th light dragoons, under the command of captain Wallen, going to Trelawny; viz.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
One calf, 110s.—Three Small hogs, 170s.	-	14	0 0
One half barrel flour, 70s.—Three hundred plantains, 20s.	-	4	10 0
Two hundred and twenty-five quarts corn, 9l. 7s. 6d.—Three gallons old rum, 30s.	-	10	17 6
One dozen best Madeira wine	-	4	0 0
Paid for negro labour, cooking, &c.	-	5	0 0
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JAMAICA, *ff.—St. Ann.*

Personally appeared before me, S. Shelly, and made oath, that the above is a just and true account.

S. SHELLY.

Sworn before me, this 20th of September, 1797.

HENRY HAMILTON.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To THOMAS JENKINS, Dr.

1796.

April 18. For negro labour, bringing down the baggage of the 62d regiment, and the baggage of one hundred and sixty maroons, from the St. Ann's barrack, and wharfage shipping the same on the armed brig Conquest and schooner Baicarres - 35

May 25. Wharfage shipping the baggage of a detachment of the 17th dragoons, and eleven maroons, on sloop Lyon - 10

45

JAMAICA,

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, S. Shelly, and maketh oath, that the above is a just and true account.

S. SHELLY.

Sworn before me, this 4th November, 1797.

WILLIAM BOLT.

No. VI.

No. I.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

To the honourable DONALD CAMPBELL, esquire, speaker, and the other members, of the honourable house of assembly,

The PETITION of lieutenant PENYSTON POWNEY,

Humbly sheweth,

That your petitioner is commanding officer of a detachment of his majesty's royal regiment of artillery, stationed at Fort-George, Port-Antonio, and that he has had occasion to disburse sundry sums of money in the said service, as set forth in an account thereof, hereunto annexed: Your petitioner therefore solicits, that the honourable house will be pleased to order him payment for the same; and your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

P. POWNEY, *lieutenant royal artillery.*

LIEUT. PENYSTON POWNEY,

To Mrs. HARRIS, Dr.

For the hire of one negro man, named Spring, for the purpose of bringing wood and water for the detachment of royal artillery, quartered in Fort-George, Port-Antonio, from the 19th day of September, to the 13th day of October, both inclusive, being twenty-six days, <i>l. s. d.</i>			
at 3s. 4d. <i>per diem</i>	-	-	4 6 8
And, from the 14th of October, to the 28th of the same, both inclusive, being fourteen days, at 2s. 6d. <i>per diem</i>	-	-	1 17 6
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Received the above.

ANN HARRIS.

And I Ann Harris do certify, for my negro man Spring, that he has been subsisted, during those days by the said lieutenant Powney.

ANN HARRIS.

LIEUT. PENYSTON POWNEY,

To Mrs. DONELAN, Dr.

For the hire of one negro man, named Strephon, hired for the purpose of bringing wood and water to the detachment of royal artillery, quartered in Fort-George, Port-Antonio, from the 18th day of September, to the 28th day of October, both inclusive, being forty-one days, at 2s. 6d. <i>per diem</i>	-	-	5 2 6
For the hire of a canoe, from the 18th to the 28th of September, being ten days, at 1s. 8d. <i>per day</i>	-	-	0 16 8
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Received the above.

ELIZABETH DONELAN.

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And

And I do certify, for my negro man Strephon, that he has been subfifted during thofe days, by the faid lieutenant Powney.


ELIZABETH DONELAN.

LIEUTENANT POWNEY,

Bought of JOHN FORD.

[illegible]

Received payment.

JOHN ^{his}  FORD. _{mark}

LIEUTENANT FOWNEY,

To BARTHOLOMEW REDMON, *Dr.*

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
<i>Sept.</i> 20. To two bills, at 5 <i>s</i> .	-	0 10
<i>Oct.</i> 1. To eight pounds rope, at 3 <i>s</i> .	-	I 4
26. To one axe, at 1 <i>os</i> .	-	0 10

		2 4

Received payment in full.

BARTH. REDMON.

Account of money disbursed by lieutenant Peniston Powney, commanding a detachment of his majesty's royal regiment of artillery, stationed at Fort-George, Port-Antonio, from 18th September to 28th of October, 1797. l. s. d.

Paid Mrs. Harris, for hire of a negro man, named Spring, to fetch wood and water, twenty-six days, at 3s. 4d.	-	-	-	-	4	6	8
And fourteen days, at 2s. 6d. being to the 28th day of October, as <i>per</i> receipt	-	-	-	-	1	15	0
Paid Mrs. Donelan, for hire of a negro man, named Strephon, to fetch wood and water, forty-one days, at 2s. 6d. being to the 28th day of October, as <i>per</i> receipt	-	-	-	-	5	2	6
For the hire of a canoe, as <i>per</i> receipt	-	-	-	-	0	16	8
Expended in the sustenance of the above negroes, being for Spring forty days, and Strephon forty-one days, as <i>per</i> certificates on the above receipts	-	-	-	-	2	10	7½
Paid John Ford for a canoe, to fetch wood and water for the detachment, as <i>per</i> receipt	-	-	-	-	8	0	0
Paid Bartholomew Redmon, for fundries bought of him for the use of the detachment, as <i>per</i> bill and receipt	-	-	-	-	2	4	0
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					24	15	5½

No. 2.

Kingston, November 13, 1797.

To the right honourable ALEXANDER earl BALCARRES, lieutenant-governor and commander in chief of his majesty's forces in Jamaica, &c. &c. &c.

*The MEMORIAL of HUGH CLOUGH, gentleman, hospital assistant surgeon, and keeper of the medical store
for the use of the sick troops in this island,*

Humbly sheweth,

That your memorialist, and predecessor, annually received from the honourable house of assembly, the sum of twenty pounds for lodging-money, as hospital mate, &c.

That your memorialist begs leave to solicit your lordship's recommendation to the honourable house of assembly, for the same allowance.

And your memorialist will ever pray.

THE

No. 3.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

		To the 83D REGIMENT,			Dr.
		1st August, 1797.			l. s. d.
To subsistence for two mules, from 23d July, 1796, to 1st August, 1797, being three hundred and seventy-five days, at 2s. 6d. per day each, agreeably to the deputy adjutant-general's letter annexed	-	-	-	-	93 15 0
To amount of account annexed, for the carriage of the baggage of two companies, from Old Maroon-Town to Montego-Bay, marched by order of the commander in chief	-	-	-	-	14 16 8
To carriage of regimental stores, clothing, &c. from Montego-Bay to Old Maroon-Town, agreeably to account annexed	-	-	-	-	10 0 0
To Alexandre Lindo's account, for wharfage of regimental stores, landed from the ship Esther Lindo	-	-	-	-	7 2 6
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					125 14 2

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace for the island aforesaid, lieutenant-colonel Thomas Gibson, of his majesty's 83d regiment of foot, and made oath, that the above account is just, to the best of his knowledge.

THOS. GIBSON, lieutenant-colonel 83d regiment.

Sworn before me, at Montego-Bay, this 5th day of August, 1797.

MACLAURIN GILLIES.

SIR,

Deputy adjutant-general's office, 23d July, 1796.

I have the honour to inform you, that four bits per day is allowed for the sustenance of a mule, and charged in the island contingent account; and the price of the mule is made a charge of in the same manner.

I have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient humble servant,

A. BUTTER, D. A. G.

Colonel Gibson.

1796.

83D REGIMENT.

l. s. d.

June 12. To negro hire paid Mr. David Shaw, for the carriage of baggage of major Browne and captain White's companies, from Old Maroon-Town to Montego-Bay	12	10	0
To hire of a negro on the road, to assist with the baggage	0	6	8
To horse hire for ditto	2	0	0
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	14	16	8

JAMAICA 2

JAMAICA, ff.

I do swear the above account is just, to the best of my knowledge and belief.—So help me God.

H. JERVIS WHITE, captain 83d regiment.

Sworn before me, this 4th February, 1797.

ALEX. HAWTHORN.

To JOHN LARGIE,

Dr.

1796.

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Dec. To the carriage of two large chests of cloathing, belonging to the 83d regiment, at 5l. each	-	-	-	-	10
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Feb. 16, 1797.—Received the above in full.

JOHN LARGIE.

THE

THE 83D REGIMENT OF FOOT,

To ALEX. LINDO, for wharfage,

Dr.

			l.	s.	d.
1797.					
May 13.	To landing, ex the Esther Lindo, twenty-five casks sundries, at 2s. 6d.	-	3	2	6
	Thirty-two bales sundries, at 2s. 6d.	- - -	4	0	0
			7	2	6

Received the above, by an order, for Alexandre Lindo.

BALLARD CRADOCK.

Please pay the above, and charge to your's.

L. WRIGHT, quartermaster 83d regiment.

To Mr. Clarke.

Received payment of the above, for Alexandre Lindo.

June 20, 1797,

SOLOMON BONITO.

No. 4.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To lieutenant-colonel M'DERMOTT,

Dr.

To hire of two pioneers, from 1st January to 16th March, 1797, inclusive, seventy-five days, at 1s. 4d. each pioneer	-	-	-	-	-	25
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The hire of the above pioneers was paid to Mr. Taw, by me.

THO. M'DERMOTT, lieutenant-colonel commanding 3d regiment of Irish brigade.

Port-au-Prince, Oct. 8, 1797.

N. B. The names of the above pioneers are Fortune and Briffow.

No. 5.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN MICHAEL DWYER,

Dr.

For translating and fair transcribing, the following foreign dispatches of a public nature, by order of the right honourable earl of Balcarres, lieutenant-governor; namely,

			l.	s.	d.
1797.					
Oct. 1.	A dispatch from the earl of Santa Clara, governor of the Havanna, brought by don Luis Noguerra, in the brigantine Amable Rita, as a flag of truce, with a proposal to establish cartels for the exchange of prisoners, between the Havanna and this island, dated the 31st of August last	- - -	1	12	6
10.	One other dispatch, from Juan Nepomucene de Juimana, governor of St. Jago de Cuba, sent by don Thomas Sana, in the schooner Adam, coming from that port as a cartel, with thirty-six British subjects (prisoners) to the port of Kingston; the name, rank, and class, of each; with the view of establishing such exchange in future, between that port and this island	- - -	2	8	9
			4	1	3

The above translations made by my order.

BALCARRES.

No.

No. VII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To the estate of DAVID DICKSON, deceased,

Dr.

		l.	s.	d.
1796.				
Dec.	9. To advertising carpenters work wanted at Kingston barracks, and estimate of ditto	0	13	4
	20. To printing estimates of work wanted at Fort Charles, Fort-Augusta, and Fort-Small, one sheet foolscap	5	10	0
	To ditto alterations in carpenters estimate	1	10	0
	31. To advertising the same, three weeks	1	0	0
	To ditto for persons to supply troops with rations, four weeks	1	0	0
	To ditto a list of certificates in receiver-general's office, three weeks	1	17	6
	To ditto sale of government pen and mountain postponed, six weeks	3	0	0
1797.	To subscription to St. Jago Gazette, delivered distributor of stamps	0	15	0
Jan.	6. To advertising for persons to supply troops with rations, four weeks	1	0	0
	19. To ditto meeting of stone bridge commissioners, one week	0	6	8
	26. To ditto order of house for publishing stamp law, four weeks	1	0	0
	To publishing the said law, very long, one month	135	0	0
	To advertising list of certificates in receiver-general's office, for martial law accounts	3	0	0
Feb.	3. To ditto order of the house, for publishing militia and court laws	1	0	0
	To publishing militia law, one month	2	0	0
	To ditto court law, one month	2	0	0
	To ditto gunpowder law, long, one month	12	0	0
	To advertising a list of slaves sold for transportation, and monies paid	6	0	0
	18. To printing one quire blank bonds, for tradesmen undertaking public business	2	5	0
Mar.	3. To advertising carpenters and masons estimate of work wanted at Clarendon barracks, three weeks	2	0	0
	7. To printing fifty carpenters and masons estimates	5	10	0
	17. To advertising for tradesmen to give in estimate for soldiers necessary	0	17	6
	29. To ditto meeting of commissioners for raising money, two weeks	0	10	0
	To ditto estimates of repairs wanted at Apostles-Battery, three weeks	2	5	0
	31. To ditto masons estimate for soldiers necessary, two weeks	1	0	0
	To ditto carpenters ditto for repairs at court-house, two weeks	1	10	0
April	15. To ditto meeting of commissioners for raising money, one week	0	5	0
	To ditto for persons to give in proposals for building stone bridge, six weeks	1	10	0
	To ditto meeting of stone bridge commissioners, five weeks	0	18	9
	To ditto pioneers wanted for different quarters, five weeks	1	13	4
	21. To ditto meeting of Mayday-Hill road commissioners	0	10	0
	27. To ditto meeting of stone bridge ditto, one week	0	5	0
May	5. To ditto meeting road commissioners at Darby's tavern, four weeks	0	15	0
	13. To ditto meeting commissioners of correspondence, one week	0	5	0
	To ditto ditto of board of works, one week	0	5	0
June	10. To ditto resolutions of commissioners of accounts, not to subfist 6th West-India regiment, one month	1	6	8
	To ditto sale of government pen and mountain postponed, twenty-three weeks	11	10	0
	To ditto meeting of stone bridge commissioners, two weeks	0	10	0
	To ditto resolutions of Kingston and Spanish-Town grand juries, on raising black corps, one month	1	0	0
July	21. To ditto estimate of work wanted at Fort-Augusta, three weeks	1	0	0

			<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1797.					
July 28.	To advertising estimate of work wanted at king's house and Port-Royal		0	15	0
Aug. 2.	To ditto no private business to be received this session, one week	- -	0	5	0
25.	To ditto receipt of tenders for subsisting troops postponed, three weeks	- -	0	15	0
	To ditto meeting of St. Jago toll commissioners, two weeks	- -	0	10	0
Sept. 1.	To ditto estimate of repairs wanted at Fort-Augusta and assembly-room, long, two weeks	- -	2	10	0
6.	To ditto order of the house for publishing letter of marque law, one month	- -	0	15	0
	To publishing said law, one month	- -	7	15	0
15.	To advertising estimate of repairs wanted at Fort-Augusta and Kingston hospital barracks, long, two weeks	- -	2	10	0
	To ditto notice of commissioners of accounts, for persons to give-in for collecting rum duties, twenty-nine weeks	- -	14	10	0
	To ditto two clauses from Ferry-Road law, twenty-one weeks	- -	11	16	3
	To ditto receipt of tenders for subsisting troops postponed	- -	1	0	0
	To Gazettes, eight and a half months, delivered distributor of stamps	- -	1	1	3
Oct. 13.	To advertising order of commissioners of accounts, for persons to collect rum duties, four weeks	- -	2	0	0
	To advertising meeting of Ferry-Road commissioners, three weeks	- -	0	15	0
	To ditto two clauses from Ferry-Road law, four weeks	- -	2	5	0
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			265	6	3

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Thomas Stevenson being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the annexed account is fairly transcribed from the books of the late David Dickson; that he believes every article therein charged has been done; and that no part thereof hath been paid; and that they are charged at the usual rates.

THO. STEVENSON.

Sworn before me, this 10th November, 1797.

JAMES STEWART.

No. VIII.

GOVERNMENT,

To STEVENSON, DICKSON, & AIKMAN, *Dr.*

		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
1796.			
Dec. 15.	To publishing in Diary, general orders of the commander in chief, of 16th November, 1796, 24 insertions	4	10
20.	To ditto, his majesty's proclamation of 9th September, respecting foreigners, 80 insertions	60	0
1797.	To ditto, general orders of same date, 79 insertions	59	5
Jan. 12.	To ditto, proclamation of lord Balcarres, of 19th November, 1796, respecting hostilities with Spain, 48 insertions	10	0
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		133	15

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Andrew Aikman being sworn, maketh oath, that the above account is just and true, and that no part of it hath been paid.

ANDREW AIKMAN.

Sworn before me, this 13th day of November, 1797.

A. WARREN.

No.

No. IX.

A.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

TO WILLIAM PIKE,

Dr.

l. s. d.

To the hire of drays, to carry provisions from the commissary-general's store to the wherry-wharf, every day, from 24th April to 5th June, 1796, for the troops doing duty over the maroons and runaway negroes, on board the different vessels in Port-Royal harbour	10	10	0
To dray and wherry hire, to take salt provisions on board his majesty's ship Dover, and bringing the same back to the commissary-general's store, and wharfage of said provisions, liquor, &c. as the commanding officer refused to take it on board	7	3	4
To paid boat-hire, on board said vessels, at sundry times, with letters and orders, &c. &c. when sent by the commissary-general	7	2	6
To paid boat-hire, to go on board the different armed vessels, employed in the service of the island, with sundry letters and expresses, to 2d September, 1796	5	10	0
	30	5	10

This account was mislaid at the time all the maroon accounts were given, by one of the commissary-general's clerks, which prevented its being laid before the honourable house.

JAMAICA, *J.*

Personally appeared before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace for said island, William Pike, and made oath, that he paid the above sums, when superintending the boats and wherries employed in the service of the island.

W. PIKE.

Sworn before me, this 13th day November, 1797.

D. FINLAYSON.

Commissary-general's office, Kingston, 20th November, 1797.

We do certify, that William Pike was employed in taking fresh provisions on board the different vessels having the maroons and troops on board, during their being in Port-Royal harbour, and that he received said provisions from me; also a quantity of salt provisions sent on board his majesty's ship *Dover*, and brought back to the agent and commissary-general's store, being refused to be taken on board, by the captain of said ship; and that the account and charges for said service was left in this office, before the last year's sitting of the honourable house of assembly, but, on account of some charges being made in said account, which should have been made and charged to his majesty's government, was returned and altered, and charged as mentioned.

ALEX. BUCHANAN, *assistant commissary.*

I. D. SKINNER, *clerk.*

B.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To the OFFICERS of his majesty's 5TH REGIMENT IRISH BRIGADE, for LODGING-MONEY, from the 1st December, 1796, to the 17th February, 1797, inclusive.

					<i>Weeks.</i>	<i>Days.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Lieutenant-colonel Edward Stack,	Spanish-Town,	from	1st Dec.	to 17th Feb.	11	2	10	16	5
Captain Walter Devreux,	ditto,	from	ditto	to ditto,	ditto	ditto	4	6	6
Captain Francis Geraghty,	ditto,	from	ditto	to ditto,	ditto	ditto	4	6	6
Captain William Haly,	ditto,	from	ditto	to ditto,	ditto	ditto	4	6	6
Captain-lieutenant John Tempest,	ditto,	from	ditto	to 3d Jan.	4	6	1	17	3
Lieutenant John Burke,	ditto,	from	ditto	to 17th Feb.	11	2	4	6	6

Lieutenant

					<i>Weeks. Days.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Lieutenant Thomas Walters,	Spanish-Town,	from 1st Dec. to 17th Feb.			11 2	4	6	6
Lieutenant Robert Brennan,	ditto,	from ditto to ditto,			ditto ditto	4	6	6
Lieut. Cornelius M'Gillicuddy,	ditto,	from ditto to 24th Jan.			7 6	3	0	3
Lieutenant John Blair,	ditto,	from ditto to 17th Feb.			11 2	4	6	6
Lieutenant John Ferris,	ditto,	from ditto to ditto,			ditto ditto	4	6	6
Ensign Edmund Harold,	ditto,	from ditto to ditto,			ditto ditto	4	6	6
Ensign Connell O'Connell,	ditto,	from ditto to ditto,			ditto ditto	4	6	6
Ensign Arthur O'Leary,	ditto,	from ditto to ditto,			ditto ditto	4	6	6
Surgeon Peter Nugent Rorke,	ditto,	from ditto to ditto,			ditto ditto	4	6	6
Adjutant Daniel Orchard,	ditto,	from ditto to ditto,			ditto ditto	4	6	6
Quartermaster William Pike,	ditto,	from ditto to ditto,			ditto ditto	3	0	0
Total, errors excepted					-	-	76	4 11

E. STACK, *lieutenant-colonel commanding.*
Kingston, 24th May, 1797.

Received the amount of the above account of Mr. William Pike, quartermaster in his majesty's 5th regiment Irish brigade.

J. BURKE, *lieutenant and paymaster 5th regiment Irish brigade.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace for said island, William Pike, quartermaster of the 5th regiment of the Irish brigade, and made oath, that he settled with lieutenant Burke, paymaster of said regiment, the within sums, as charged opposite each officer's name, and that he has never been paid any part thereof since.

WILLIAM PIKE, *acting quartermaster 5th regiment Irish brigade.*

Sworn before me, this 13th day of November, 1797.

D. FINLAYSON.

C.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

For the hire of the following negroes, who served as pioneers in his majesty's 5th regiment of Irish brigade, quartered in Spanish-Town, from 1st September, 1796, to 24th February, 1797; viz.

					<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1797.							
Marquis,	from 1st Sept. 1796, to 24th February, 1797,	177 days, at 3s. 4d.	-		29	16	0
Charles,	from 19th Dec. to ditto,	67 ditto, at ditto	-		11	3	4
Carrick,	from ditto, to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-		11	3	4
Fortune,	from 25th ditto, to ditto,	62 ditto, at ditto	-		10	6	8
Joe,	from ditto, to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-		10	6	8
Cupid,	from ditto, to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-		10	6	8
Quathee,	from 19th ditto, to ditto,	67 ditto, at ditto	-		11	3	4
Scialto,	from 25th ditto, to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-		11	3	4
John,	from 8th ditto, to ditto,	17 ditto, at ditto	-		2	16	8
Jupiter,	from ditto, to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-		2	16	8
Linnan,	from ditto, to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-		2	16	8
Harry,	from ditto, to ditto,	ditto, at ditto	-		2	16	8
Milford,	from 25th ditto, to ditto,	62 ditto, at ditto	-		10	6	8
					127	2	8

We

We do certify, that the above negroes have been employed as above stated, and that the receiver-general has received six pence *per* day sterling for each, agreeably to the commander in chief's order, as *per* receipt.

W. PIKE, *quartermaster 5th regiment Irish brigade.*
Lt. ORCHARD, adjutant.

I certify to have paid into the hands of Mr. Holcombe, receiver-general's office, the sum of six pence sterling *per diem*, for the pioneers employed with the regiment, as above, from the 19th December, 1796, agreeably to general orders.

J. BURKE, *lieutenant and paymaster 5th Irish brigade.*

D.

An account of expences incurred by his majesty's 5TH REGIMENT of the IRISH BRIGADE, from 1st November, 1796, to 24th February, 1797.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To one hundred and fifteen days grass for the regimental mule, at 1s. 10 ¹ / ₂ d. a-day, for the above mentioned periods	10	16	0 ¹ / ₂
To paid for bricks, lime, and repairing the walls of the hospitals, by order, and white-washing the same, at sundry times, by order of the commanding officer	12	17	6
To paid for lumber, to put up a surgery in the hospital	3	0	0
To paid for a box of candles for the guard-houses, 54lbs. at 2s. 3d.—box, 2s. 6d.	6	4	0
<i>Feb.</i> 20. To paid a wherry, to land sick from on board the General Elliott, at Fort-Augusta, by order	1	6	8
To paid a large wherry, to take sick and baggage from Fort-Augusta, on board his majesty's ship Experiment. for Europe	1	6	8
To paid for grease for the cart, and shoeing the mule, at sundry times	2	13	4
	38	4	2 ¹ / ₂

JAMAICA, ff.

I, William Pike, do swear, that the above account is just and true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.—*So help me God.*

W. PIKE.

Sworn before me, this 6th day of November. 1797.

JAMES LEWIS.

Spanish-Town, Jamaica, Feb 20, 1797.

I do certify, that the walls of the hospital occupied by colonel McDermott's regiment, were very much out of repair when they left it; and that there was a real necessity for their being repaired and white-washed, before colonel Stack's regiment could be moved into it; and that said walls were repaired and white-washed, by quartermaster Pike; and the other hospitals frequently white-washed, and two boarded surgery's built in said hospitals.

L. SHAW, *assistant surgeon to the forces.*

Aug. 30, 1797.—N. B. The surgerys are now occupied by 63d regiment.

E.

A just and true account of money received and expended for the use of the sick of his majesty's 5TH REGIMENT of the IRISH BRIGADE, from 10th September, 1796, to 24th January, 1797, being on the establishment, at 10s. 4d. per man.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Expended from 10th September to 7th October, one month	304	11	1
Ditto from 8th October to 4th November, ditto	271	7	1 ¹ / ₂
Ditto from 5th November to 2d December, di to	265	1	9 ¹ / ₄
4 B			Expended

				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Expended from 3d December to 30th, one month	-	-	-	294	7	0½
Ditto from 31st December to 24th January, 1797	-	-	-	373	4	11½
				1568	11	11½

Cr.

By allowance for one hundred and seventy men, at 18s 4d. from 10th September to 7th October, 1796. inspected by J. Smith, esquire, clerk to the honourable board of commissioners, drawn from the receiver-general	-	-	-	155	8	4
By ditto for three hundred and one men, from 1st October to 4th November	-	-	-	275	18	10
By ditto for three hundred and thirty-one men, to 2d December	-	-	-	303	18	4
By ditto for three hundred and thirty-two men, to 30th ditto	-	-	-	313	10	0
By ditto for three hundred and sixty-nine men, to 24th January, 1797	-	-	-	350	12	4
				1398	17	10
By balance due	-	-	-	109	14	1½

JAMAICA. ff

Personally appeared before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace for said island, William Pike, and made oath, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and the balance is justly due to messieurs McNaughton and Shaw, messieurs Russell and Miles, and Mr. Lerkley Knox, the latter summoned him for his part, to the last grand court but one.

W. PIKE.

Sworn before me, this 13th November, 1797.

D. FINLAYSON.

F.

Weekly statement of the HOSPITAL EXPENCES of his majesty's 5TH REGIMENT IRISH BRIGADE, from 25th January to 3d February, 1797, being ten days, to make the week end on Friday.

							<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Jan 25. Wednesday	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	10½
26. Thursday	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	10	2
27. Friday	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	4	8
28. Saturday	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	17	3
29. Sunday	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	15	11½
30. Monday	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	8	2
31. Tuesday	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	12	10
Feb. 1. Wednesday	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	11	11
2. Thursday	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	12	4
3. Friday	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	12	4½
							116	19	6½
Sixty-six mens rations, at 16s. each per week	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	10	
Pay at 1s. 8d. per week	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	5	
							57	15	0
							59	4	6½

ED. STACK, lieutenant-colonel commanding.

T. NICHOLLS, assistant surgeon to the forces, then on duty at the above hospital.

The

No. X.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN VEITCH, commanding Fort-George,

Dr.

			l.	s.	d.
To cash paid for erecting a new flag-staff	-	-	18	0	0
To cash paid for a St. George's ensign	-	-	14	10	0
To two barrels gunpowder, No. 1, 50lbs. and No. 2, 51lbs. total 101lbs. at 3s. 4d.	-	-	16	16	8
			49	6	8

To taking care of the barracks, and delivering out powder to the militia, at fundry times, from the 2d day of February, 1793, to the 2d of August, 1795. at which time they were delivered up to the detachment of the 83d regiment, in complete repair

CAPT. JOHN VEITCH,

To ISAAC BLACKBURN,

Dr.

			l.	s.
1796			14	10
To a new St. George's ensign, for Fort-George	-	-		

Received October 8th, 1796, in full, by the hands of Mr. Sherwood.

ISAAC BLACKBURN.

JAMAICA. ss.—*Surrey.*

John Veitch, commanding Fort-George, maketh oath, that there is justly and truly due to him, the sum of forty-nine pounds six shillings and eight pence, as will more fully appear by the account hereunto annexed.

JOHN VEITCH.

Sworn before me, this 10th day of November, 1797.

WM. DOWNER.

No. XI.

Expences of medicines, &c. supplied the sick prisoners in the gaol of Kingston, from 9th November, 1796, to 9th November, 1797, inclusive, by JAMES WALKER, M. D.

			l.	s.	d.
Particulars specified in twenty folio pages, amounting to	-	-	138	7	1

I do hereby certify, that doctor James Walker has carefully and diligently attended the prisoners in Kingston gaol, and administered medicines to the sick, giving them every necessary assistance their various cases required; by which, I believe, the lives of many of them have been saved.

H. FRASER, D. M.

We have examined the different prices charged in the above account, and do find them to correspond with those usually made for medicines supplied to negroes; and we are of opinion, that doctor Walker could not have supplied them for less.

MACKGLASHANS & M'LARTY.

Personally appeared before me, doctor James Walker, in the petition annexed named, who, being duly sworn, made oath, that he hath duly attended the sick in the gaol at Kingston, as a physician for one year, as in the said petition stated, and that the several medicines, and other articles, charged in the annexed account, are at the usual prices, and have been supplied to the several persons therein named, according to the best of his knowledge and belief; and that the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight pounds seven shillings and one penny is justly due to him.

JAMES WALKER.

Sworn before me, this 20th of September, 1797.

ALGER. WARREN.

No.

No. XII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES STEWART, D. M.

Dr.

			l.	s.	d.
1796.					
Nov. 1.	To maintenance James Murray (murder) to 1st November, 1797, 365 days, at 1s. 3d.	- - - - -	22	16	3
	To irons to 1st July, when released, per order of the governor, eight months, at 7s. 6d.	- - - - -	3	0	0
	To maintenance John Heaton (murder) to 8th December, when acquitted, 38 days	- - - - -	2	7	6
	To irons for 38 days, at 1s. 6d. per month	- - - - -	0	10	0
	To maintenance John Williams (rebellion) to 7th April, 1797, 158 days, at 1s. 3d.	- - - - -	9	17	6
	To irons five months eight days	- - - - -	1	19	4
	To maintenance Mary Wynter (breach of the peace) to 13th December, 43 days	- - - - -	2	13	9
	Ditto Kemble Booth Buchanan (theft) to 8th December, 38 days	- - - - -	2	7	6
	To irons for 38 days	- - - - -	0	10	0
	To maintenance Jacob Johnson (debt) to 2d December, when he sold out, 32 days	- - - - -	2	0	0
	To maintenance Sarah and Dels (belonging to the Trelawny maroons) to 30th December, when delivered over to captain Brown, for the use of the barracks, by order of the custos. 60 days each, 120 days, at 1s. 3d.	- - - - -	7	19	0
Dec. 8.	To maintenance Thomas Spickett (perjury) to 5th April, 1797, when discharged by the court, 125 days, 1s. 3d.	- - - - -	7	16	3
	To irons for 125 days	- - - - -	1	11	3
	Paid for cloaths. and a mat, for him, when very sick	- - - - -	0	15	7½
20.	To maintenance John Parr (neglect of duty in the militia) to 26th instant, seven days	- - - - -	0	8	9
1797.					
Jan. 5.	To ditto John Robertson (ditto) to 9th instant, four days	- - - - -	0	5	0
Feb. 4.	To ditto James Byrne (breach of the peace) to 30th July, when he died, 177 days	- - - - -	11	1	3
	To hiring a white man, and two horses, to bring said Byrne from Black-River to Savanna-la-Mar, he being quite desperate, and out of his senses	- - - - -	8	10	0
	To hiring horses. and sending my deputy, from Savanna-la-Mar to Black-River, when his trial was to have come on at the quarter-sessions	- - - - -	6	10	0
	To bringing back said Byrne to Savanna-la-Mar, when they could not make a court, and his trial did not come on	- - - - -	5	5	0
27.	To maintenance Fanny Barry (receiving stolen goods) to 3d March, five days	- - - - -	0	6	3
Mar. 16	To maintenance William Elletson (breach of the peace) to 19th instant, four days	- - - - -	0	5	0
Feb. 4.	To maintenance John Gale (horse-stealing) to 12th August, when executed, 190 days, at 1s. 3d.	- - - - -	11	17	6
	To executing said John Gale	- - - - -	5	0	0
	To a coffin for him	- - - - -	3	0	0
	To irons for 190 days, at 7s. 6d. per month	- - - - -	2	7	6
	To bringing said John Gale from Black-River to Savanna-la-Mar, in irons	- - - - -	5	10	0
April 5.	To paid Hannah Wills, a king's evidence, by order of the court	- - - - -	2	1	3
	To maintenance James Powell (debt) to 15th July, when he sold out, 101 days	- - - - -	6	6	3
7.	To ditto John Myrie (breach of the peace) to 14th July, when discharged, 98 days	- - - - -	6	2	6
May 10.	To ditto Joseph Reid (a failer) to 25th May, 15 days	- - - - -	0	18	9
24.	To ditto Donald Love (a ditto) for two days	- - - - -	0	2	6

		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<i>June</i>	5. To maintenance James Hume (neglect of militia duty) to 17th instant, 12 days	0	15	0
	22. To ditto Hugh Collins (murder) to 17th July, when acquitted, 26 days	-	1	12 6
	To irons for 26 days	-	0	6 8
<i>July</i>	4. To maintenance Jacob Johnson (breach of the peace) to 1st November, 120 days	7	10	10
	To ditto Sopriani Joseph, James Zaiden, John Souther, and Frank Souther (vagrant sailors) to 14th instant, 11 days each, 44 days, at 1s. 3d.	-	2	15 0
	11. To ditto Fanny Barry (receiving stolen goods) to 1st November, 113 days	7	1	3
	12. To ditto Joseph Dias (breach of the peace) to 12th August, 30 days	1	17	6
	14. To ditto — McClare (debt) to 1st November, 109 days	-	6	16 3
	To ditto Hiram Thomas (theft) to 17th instant, when acquitted, 4 days	0	5	0
<i>Sept.</i>	2. To paid for a gate for the house at the gaol	-	2	0 0
<i>Oct.</i>	10. To maintenance James Gunning (breach of the peace) to 23d October, 14 days	0	17	6
<i>Nov.</i>	1. To commitments and releasements of John Heaton, John Williams, Mary Winter, K. B. Buchanan, Jacob Johnson, Thomas Spickett, John Parr, John Robertson, James Pyrne, John Gale, Fanny Barry, William Elletson, James Powell, John Myrie, Joseph Reid, Donald Love, James Hume, Hugh Collins, Joseph Dias, Hiram Thomas, James Gunning, Sopriani Joseph, James Zaiden, John Souther, Frank Souther, John Landales, and Walter Smith, 27 in all, at 5s. each	-	6	15 0
	To hire of two able negroes, constantly attending the gaol, supplying the prisoners with wood, water, and other necessaries, and guarding them, from 1st November, 1796, to date, 365 days each, 730 days, at 2s. 6d.	-	91	5 0
			270	19 9½

James Stewart, deputy-marshal, maketh oath, that the different prisoners mentioned in the annexed account, were maintained, supported, and taken care of, by this deponent, for the times therein specified; and that the other charges occurred as therein stated; and that the two negroes charged therein, have been constantly employed in taking care of the prisoners, and are two of the most able and valuable negroes belonging to this deponent.

J. STEWART, D. M.

Sworn before me, this 14th November, 1797.

JAMES ROBERT TOMLINSON.

No. XIII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To TRELAWNY WORKHOUSE, Dr.

For the following negro labour, in supplying the troops stationed at Falmouth with wood, water, &c.

1796.

March 26. seventeen-negroes—27 to *April* 6, eleven each day—7, ten—8, nine—9 to 31, eleven each day:—Total, 399 negroes.

May 1 to 24, eleven each day—25, thirteen—26, fourteen—27 to 31, nine each day:—Total, 336 negroes.

June 1 to 7, nine each day—8, ten—9 to 15, nine—16 to 22, seven—23, two—27 and 28, three—29 and 30, four each day:—Total, 201 negroes.

July 1 to 5, four each day—6 to 14, five each day:—Total, 65 negroes.

March and *April* 399 negroes

May - - - 336 ditto

June

June - - 271 negroes
July - - 65 ditto

1001 negroes, at 1s. 8d. per day, is

l. s. d.
83 8 4

JAMAICA, *P.*

I, Michael Walsh, clerk to the Trelawny workhouse, do swear, that the within account of negro labour is justly and truly copied from the labour book of the said workhouse, entered in the hand-writing of the then supervisor, Mr. Robert Knighton, deceased.—*So help me God.*

MICH. WALSH.

Sworn before me, this 13th day of November, 1797.

JN. WHITTAKER.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To TRELAWNY WORKHOUSE, Dr.

For supplying both troops and militia, during the rebellion of the Trelawny maroons, with wood and water, and carrying sundry baggage, &c.

August 7 to 11, twenty-six each day—11 to 17, twenty-seven each day—18 and 19, twenty-eight each day—20 and 21, twenty-seven each day—22, twenty-eight—23, thirteen—24, twenty-eight—25 and 26, twenty-nine each day—27, thirty—28, thirty-one—29 and 30, thirty-two each day—31, thirty-four:—Total, 688 negroes.

Sept. 1, thirty-four—2 and 3, thirty-six each day—4, thirty-seven—5 and 6, thirty-eight each day—7, thirty-nine—8, forty-one—9 and 10, forty-two each day—11, forty-four—12 and 13, forty-five each day—14 and 15, forty-six each day—16 to 19, forty-eight each day—21, forty-nine—22 to 30, fifty each day:—Oct. 1 to 4, fifty-one each day—5 and 6, sixteen each day:—Total, 1536 negroes.

August - 688 negroes
Sept. and Oct. - 1536 ditto

2224 negroes, equal to one day, at 1s. 8d. each day - l. s. d.
185 6 8

JAMAICA, *P.*

I, John Porter, late supervisor of Trelawny workhouse, do swear, that the within account of negro labour is just and true.—*So help me God.*

J. PORTER.

Sworn before me, this 14th day of November, 1797.

JOHN GAYNER.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To TRELAWNY WORKHOUSE, Dr.

For supplying with wood and water, the detachment of the 83d regiment, under the command of captain White, quartered at Falmouth; consisting of 6 officers, 72 men, 15 women, and 13 children.

1797.

Sept. 30. To a cart, mule, puncheon, and two negroes, carrying water, from 28th February last to date, are 215 days, at 20s. per day

l. s. d.

215 0 0

To a brass cock - - - - - 0 7 6

To a puncheon for the fort, to receive the water from the cart - - - - - 2 0 0

To cleaning the barracks and officers house weekly, from January 9th last to date, equal to five negroes for the day, per order of vestry, are 190 negroes, at 1s. 8d. each negro

15 16 8

To sixty-four chords wood, at 2s. per chord - - - - - 64 0 0

To digging three graves for soldiers, 18th, 22d, and 23d of June last, at 6s. 8d. 1 0 0

298 4 2

I, John

I, John Clarke, supervisor of the above workhouse, do swear, that the above is a just and true account of the articles therein charged.—*So help me God.*

JOHN CLARKE.

Sworn before me, this 28th day of October, 1797.

JAMES GALLOWAY.

Falmouth, October 31st, 1797.

I do hereby certify, that the detachment of the 83d regiment has been supplied by the workhouse with wood and water, for the time mentioned on the face of this certificate.

H. JERVIS WHITE, captain 83d regiment.

No. XIV.

These are to certify, that I have received into the first company of blacks, a negro man named Guy, the property of John Gayner junior, esquire, valued by James Scarlett and John James, esquires, at the sum of two hundred pounds currency.

Given under my hand, this 24th day of November, 1795.

JOHN JOHNSTONE, captain first company of Jamaica loyal blacks.

JAMAICA. *ff.—Trelawny.*

These are to certify, that the above named negro served in the first company Jamaica loyal blacks, from the time of his entry, until the 1st day of June, 1796, when he was delivered over to captain Schroeter, commanding Fort-Balcarres, as per order commander in chief, notified to me by deputy adjutant-general Butter.

Given under my hand, this 24th July, 1797.

GEORGE INNES, captain first company Jamaica loyal blacks.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN GAYNER, Dr.

To hire of the above negro, from 24th day of November, 1795, to the 4th day of June, 1796, *l. s.*
is 191 days, at 5s. per day - - - - - 47 15

Falmouth, July 24, 1797.

This is to certify, that I returned the above mentioned negro, named Guy, to the said John Gayner junior, esquire, as per his receipt in my possession. on the fourth day of June, 1796.

JOHN HENRY SCHROETER, captain of Fort-Balcarres.

No. XV.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To EDWARD MARTIN WHITEHEAD, D. M.

Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

July 4.	To maintenance of Peter, charged with burglary, and sentenced for transportation, from 4th July to 13th October, 101 days, at 1s. 3d.	-	6	6	3
	To commitment and releasement	- - - -	0	5	0
8.	To ditto of Robin, charged with horse-stealing, and discharged for want of evidence, from 8th July to 3d October, 87 days, at 1s. 3d.	- - -	5	8	9
	To commitment and releasement	- - -	0	5	0
	To ditto of Charles, charged with burglary, and sentenced to hard labour in the workhouse for two years, from 8th July to 1st November, 115 days, at 1s. 3d.	- - -	7	3	9
	To commitment and releasement	- - -	0	5	0
18.	To ditto of Ignior Antonio, a Spaniard, from 18th July to 12th October, 86 days, at 1s. 3d.	- - -	5	7	6
	To commitment and releasement	- - -	0	5	0
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24.	To maintenance of Sambo Hilly, charged with having stolen a trunk containing wearing apparel, sentenced to hard labour in the workhouse for six months, from 24th July to 30th October, 98 days, at 1s. 3d.	l.	s.	d.
			6	2 6
	To commitment and releasement		0	5 0
Nov. 12.	To ditto of Samuel Langley, a free black man, a crown witness, committed to gaol for want of security, from 12th November to 16th, at 5s.		1	5 0
	To commitment and releasement		0	5 0
			33	3 9

JAMAICA. *ff.*

Edward Martin Whitehead, deputy-marshal, deposeth, and saith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

EDWARD MARTIN WHITEHEAD.

Sworn before me, this 21st day of November, 1797.

GEORGE HOWEL.

No. XVI.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

1797.

To CHARLES N. PALLMER,

Dr.

February grand court	Taxed costs on judgments.	l.	s.	d.
	Mitchell, receiver-general, vs. Ogilvie & al. executors Denny		6	12 6
	Rex vs. Quenborough, executor Burke		5	1 4
April 24.	The king to the custos and justices of St. Andrew.			
	Drawing and engrossing affidavit of James Smith, esquire, on 2s. 6d. stamp		0	17 6
June 9.	Drawing and engrossing conveyance of the government pen and slaves, from the commissioners appointed by the act, to John Spencer, esquire, and schedule of negroes names, on 5½ sheets of royal, at 3l. 15s. per sheet		12	10 0
	Cash paid for stamps		1	0 0
	Drawing and engrossing conveyance of the government mountain and slaves, from said commissioners, to Mr. John Gordon, and schedule of negroes names, on four sheets of royal, at 3l. 15s. per sheet		15	0 0
	Cash paid for stamps		1	0 0
June court.	Retaining fee—the commissioners for erecting lord Rodney's statue vs. Saa Daniel, for old buildings sold to him		1	5 0
Aug. 20.	Cash paid at provost-marshal's office, for a list of writs of all open and unsatisfied judgments, belonging to the public and revenue, and list of issued writs thereon		10	0 0
	Attendance for the same, and transmitting same to Mr. Holcombe		1	5 0
	A moiety thereof (the other charged to the revenue)		11	5 0
Sept. 15.	Attendance in Kingston, by desire of Mr. Holcombe, to take instructions for the ensuing court		1	12 6
October grand court.	Taxed costs on judgment—the commissioners for erecting lord Rodney's statue against Saa Daniel		5	3 9
	Retaining fee—Mitchell, receiver-general, vs. Mytlin T. J.		1	5 0
	The like—same vs. Mathison Roderick		1	5 0
	The like—Rex vs. Holcombe & al. executors Cole		1	5 0
	The like—Rex vs. same		1	5 0
	Cash paid Mr. Attorney-General, signing same		2	13 4
	Attending him therewith		1	5 0

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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
In replevin—Williams Lewis senior against Wright, collecting constable, retaining fee	-	-	2 10 0
Drawing avowry on three sheets of draft, for the perusal and settlement of Mr. Attorney-General	-	-	3 0 0
Cash paid him therewith, and attendance	-	-	6 11 8
Engrossing same, on one sheet of post, 5s. stamp	-	-	1 10 0
Rex <i>vs.</i> Armstrong, executrix.—Same <i>vs.</i> Same.—Same <i>vs.</i> Same.—Same <i>vs.</i> Same.—Drawing replications in these four actions, on 12 sides draft paper, to be perused and settled by Mr. Attorney-General	-	-	12 0 0
Attending him therewith	-	-	1 5 0
Fees paid Mr. Attorney-General	-	-	21 0 8
Engrossing same, on four sheets foolscap, 2s. 6d. stamp	-	-	5 10 0
Issuing <i>verdicts</i> for this court—Mitchell <i>vs.</i> Ogilvie & <i>al.</i> executors Denny—Rex <i>vs.</i> Queneborough, executor Burke	-	-	1 12 6
Rex <i>vs.</i> Munro.—Same <i>vs.</i> Same.—The witnesses of breach of contract on which these actions were brought, having all died or departed the island, drawing out a statement for the opinion and advice, on the subject, of Mr. Attorney-General, to lay before the board of works, on three sides post	-	-	3 0 0
Attending him therewith	-	-	1 5 0
Cash paid him	-	-	5 6 8
In pursuance of advice, discontinued said actions, and taxed costs of discontinuance	-	-	-
Rex <i>vs.</i> Munro	-	-	7 3 3
Same <i>vs.</i> Same	-	-	7 3 3
Postages in correspondence with the several clerks of the peace	-	-	1 12 6

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Sept. 4. By cash for counsel's fees, from Thomas Holcombe, esquire, <i>per</i> receipt	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
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Oct. 5. The like	45	13	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
	67	9	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
	78	0	1 $\frac{1}{4}$

Charles Nicholas Pallmer, of the parish of St. Catherine, in the county of Middlesex, and island of Jamaica, gentleman, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that he, this deponent, hath transacted all the business contained in the annexed account; and this deponent faith, that the annexed account is just and true.

C. N. PALLMER.

Sworn before me, this 22d day of November, 1797.

ED. BULLOCK.

No. XVII.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

*To the estate of ROBERT BRERETON, deceased,**Dr.*

1797.

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Jan. 5. To hire of five pioneers for his majesty's service, in the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, from 1st December, 1796, to this date, 36 days each, is 180 days, at 3s. 4d. *per* day

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Mar.

<i>Mar. 20.</i> To hire of six pioneers for his majesty's service, in the 3d regiment of Irish brigade,	l.
from 6th January last to this date, 74 days each, is 444 days, at 3s. 4d. per day	74
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Approved of the above account, amounting to one hundred and four pounds currency.

THOMAS McDERMOTT, lieutenant-colonel commanding.

No. XVIII.

A weekly ISLAND PAY-BILL of the loyal Accomps, under the command of Alexander Forbes junior, superintendent, from the 17th day of January to the 21st of February, 1796, is 36 days, upon actual duty, by the order of colonel Walpole, at Aberdeen.

					l.	s.	d.
Seven days, seven each day, at 2s. 6d. per day	-	-	-	-	6	2	6
Ditto, ten each day, at ditto	-	-	-	-	8	15	0
Ditto, nine each day, at ditto	-	-	-	-	7	17	6
Ditto, ten each day, at ditto	-	-	-	-	8	15	0
Ditto, four each day, at ditto	-	-	-	-	3	10	0
One day, four, at ditto	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
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					35	10	0

JAMAICA, *ff.*—*St. Elizabeth.*

I, Alexander Forbes junior, superintendent of Accompong-Town, do make oath, upon the Holy Evangelists, that the above weekly pay-bill is a just, true, impartial, and exact representation, of the respective time the above Accomps were upon actual duty.

ALEX. FORBES junior, superintendent of Accompong-Town.

Sworn before me, this 14th November, 1797.

CHARLES FARQUHARSON.

A weekly ISLAND PAY-BILL of the loyal Accomps, under the command of Alexander Forbes junior, superintendant, from the 12th day of August to the 17th day of the same month, is six days, upon actual duty, by the orders of colonel Walpole, on the road leading from Old Maroon-Town to Accompong-Town.

					l.	s.
Four days, twenty-five each day, at 2s. 6d. per day	-	-	-	-	12	10
Two days, twenty-five each day, at 2s. 6d. per day	-	-	-	-	6	5
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JAMAICA, *ff.*—*St. Elizabeth.*

I, Alexander Forbes junior, superintendent of Accompong-Town, do make oath, upon the Holy Evangelists, that the above weekly pay-bill is a just, true, impartial, and exact representation, of the respective time the above Accomps were upon actual duty.

ALEX. FORBES junior, superintendant of Accompong-Town.

Sworn before me, this 14th day of November, 1797.

CHARLES FARQUHARSON.

A weekly ISLAND PAY-BILL of the loyal Accomps, under the command of Alexander Forbes junior, superintendent, from the 1st day of October to the 18th day of November, 1795, on actual duty, by the order of colonel Walpole, at Ruthven.

					l.	s.
Five days, four each day, at 2s. 6d. per day	-	-	-	-	2	5
Seven days, four each day, at ditto	-	-	-	-	3	10
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Seven days, four each day, at 2s. 6d. per day	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	l. s.
Ditto, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 10
Ditto, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 10
Ditto, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 10
Ditto, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 10
Two days, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 10
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JAMAICA, *ff.*—*St. Elizabeth.*

I, Alexander Forbes junior, superintendant of Accompong-Town, do make oath, upon the Holy Evangelists, that the above weekly pay-bill is a just, true, impartial, and exact representation, of the respective time the above Accompongs were upon actual duty.

ALEX. FORBES junior, superintendant of Accompong-Town.

Sworn before me, this 14th November, 1797.

CHARLES FARQUHARSON.

An account of the disbursements and parties performed by the MAROONS belonging to this town, in 1796.

l. s. d.

April 2. One captain, at 2s. 6d. per day; one lieutenant, at 1s. 3d.; five common men, at 7½d.; and provisions, at 1s. 3d. per day, for fourteen days—by order of Humphry Colquhoun and William Rowe, esquires - - - 7 17 6

July 18. One captain, at 2s. 6d. per day; one lieutenant, at 1s. 3d.; eight common men at 7½d.; and provisions, at 1s. 3d. per day, for six days—by order of James Rowe and Alexander Ranken, esquires - - - 6 7 6

27. One captain, at 2s. 6d. per day; one lieutenant, at 1s. 3d.; ten common men, at 7½d.; and provisions, at 1s. 3d. per day, for three days—by order of James Rowe and William Rowe, esquires - - - 3 13 9

 17 18 9

JAMAICA, *ff.*—*St. Elizabeth.*

Alexander Forbes junior, superintendant of Accompong-Town, being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith, that the above is a just and true account of all the parties performed by the maroon negroes residing in the said town, and of the disbursements relative thereto, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ALEXANDER FORBES junior, superintendant of Accompong-Town.

Sworn before me, this 14th November, 1797.

CHARLES FARQUHARSON.

A weekly ISLAND PAY-BILL of the loyal Accompongs, under the command of Alexander Forbes junior, superintendant, from the 18th day of August to the 28th day of September, 1795, is forty-two days, upon actual duty, at Old Maroon-Town.

Five days, thirty-seven each day, at 2s. 6d. per day	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	l. s. d.
Seven days, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23 2 6
Ditto, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32 7 6
Ditto, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32 7 6
Ditto, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32 7 6
Ditto, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32 7 6
Ditto, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32 7 6
Two days, ditto at ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 5 0

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JAMAICA, *ff.*

JAMAICA, *ff.—St. Elizabeth.*

I, Alexander Forbes junior, superintendant of Accompong-Town, do make oath, upon the Holy Evangelists, that the above weekly pay-bill is a just, true, impartial, and exact representation of the respective time the above Accompongs were upon actual duty.

ALEX. FORBES junior, *superintendant of Accompong-Town.*

Sworn before me, this 14th November, 1797.

CHARLES FARQUHARSON.

No. XIX.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN VEITCH, *commanding Fort-George,* Dr.

To 1 quart of flour, and 1 lb. of meat, given as rations to each of the pioneers, <i>per day ; viz.</i>	l.		
Hannibal, Davy, Blue, and Simon, from the 15th day of September, 1796, to the 1st day of November, 1797, equal to 1644 rations, at 1s. 8d. <i>per ration</i>	-	-	137
To cloathing the above named four pioneers, at 5l. each	-	-	20
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JAMAICA, *ff.—Surrey.*

John Veitch, commanding Fort-George, maketh oath, that there is truly and justly due to him, the sum of one hundred and fifty-seven pounds, as will more fully appear by the account hereunto annexed.

JOHN VEITCH.

Sworn before me, this 10th day of November, 1797.

WM. DOWNER.

No. XX.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA, *for Lucca barracks,*

To MALCOLM, PATERSON, & CAMPBELLS, Dr.

1796.		l.	s.	d.
July 27.	To 28lbs. tarred rope, at 18d. <i>per lb.</i>	-	-	-
	To two large iron pots, 160lbs. at 7½d. <i>per lb.</i>	-	-	-
	To one new puncheon, to hold water	-	-	-
	To one dozen wine-glasses	-	-	-
	To one half dozen tumblers	-	-	-
	To one baking-dish, 5s.—one bowl, 3s. 9d.	-	-	-
	To six quart decanters, at 7s. 6d.	-	-	-
	To six basons, at 2s. 6d.	-	-	-
	To one tea kettle	-	-	-
	To two salt-cellars, one mustard-pot, and one vinegar cruet	-	-	-
	To one coffee-pot	-	-	-
28.	To three gallon jugs, at 10s.	-	-	-
	To three half-gallon jugs	-	-	-
	To one copper coffee-pot	-	-	-
	To one tea-kettle	-	-	-
	To one mustard-pot, 1s. 8d.—one pepper-box, 1s. 8d.	-	-	-
	To three wine-glasses	-	-	-
	To one large iron pot, 84lbs.	-	-	-
	To three tin tumblers, 5s. 7½d.—one water jug, 5s.	-	-	-
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								<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1797.										
Mar.	10.	To two dozen Madeira	-	-	-	-	-	7	0	0
	16.	To one dozen ditto	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	0
	29.	To one ditto ditto	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	0
April	2.	To one ditto ditto	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	0
	10.	To one ditto Port	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	0
	26.	To one ditto Madeira	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	0
	29.	To one ditto Port	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	0
May	6.	To one ditto ditto	-	-	-	-	-	7	15	0
	8.	To one ditto ditto	-	-	-	-	-			
	16.	To one ditto ditto	-	-	-	-	-			
	26.	To one dozen Madeira and one dozen Port	-	-	-	-	-	6	0	0
June	2.	To one half dozen Madeira	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	0
	10.	To ditto Port	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	0
	26.	To ditto Madeira	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	0
July	3.	To two bottles brandy	-	-	-	-	-	0	17	6
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WM. RICHARDS, *captain 17th light dragoons.*

We certify, that the above issue was actually necessary for the sick of 17th regiment light dragoons, quartered at Lucea.

GEO. SPENCE, *for Patrick Spence, surgeon.*

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GEORGE ROBERT JOHNSON, *Dr.*

To supplying a detachment of the 13th light dragoons, quartered at Lucea barracks, with one *l. s.*
hundred chords of fire-wood, at *1l. 12s. 6d. per chord* - - - 162 10

SAMUEL WEBSTER, *quartermaster 13th light dragoons.*

I, George Robert Johnson, do swear, that the above wood has been delivered, to the best of my knowledge and belief.—*So help me God.*

GEO. ROB. JOHNSON.

Sworn before me, this 7th November, 1797.

ROB. GILPIN.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To SARAH M'SHERRY, *Dr.*

1797. *l. s.*
To hire of two negroes, acting as pioneers to a detachment 17th dragoons, quartered at Lucea,
from 26th July, 1796, to 8th May, 1797, at *5s. per day* - - - 71 15

I certify, that the above negroes were actually employed with the above detachment, as set forth; and that none could be procured at less per day.

WM. RICHARDS, *captain 17th light dragoons.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, Sarah M'Sherry, who made oath, that the two negroes charged in the above account, acted as pioneers to a detachment of the 17th light dragoons, in Lucea fort, during the period therein mentioned.

SARAH ^{her} ~~mark~~ M'SHERRY.

JAMES IRVING.

THE

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To ELIZABETH COLLINS,

Dr.

1797.

To hire of a negro, acting as pioneer to a detachment 17th light dragoons, quartered at Lucea, from 26th July, 1796, to 8th May, 1797, at 2s. 6d. per day -

l. s. d.

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I certify, that the above negro was actually employed with the above detachment, as set forth; and that none could be procured at less per day.

WM. RICHARDS, captain 17th light dragoons.

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Elizabeth Collins, who being duly sworn, made oath, that the negro, charged in the within account, acted as a pioneer to a detachment of the 17th light dragoons in Lucea fort, during the period therein-mentioned.

JAMES IRVING.

ELIZABETH ^{her}
+ COLLINS.
_{mark.}

Witness, WM. JAMES STEVENSON.

THE 17TH REGIMENT OF LIGHT DRAGOONS,

To PHOENIX-PARK PEN,

Dr.

1796.

l. s. d.

To bed, board, washing, and lodging, for Ferras and Quidly, two privates of the above regiment, from the 1st March to the 8th ditto, 7 days, at 5s. per day, each man -

3 10 0

To the pasturage of one large English horse, from the 1st March to the 29th April, 60 days, at 6d. per day, 30s.—shoeing said horse, 5s.—taken away by Mr. Werge -

1 15 0

To bed, board, washing, and lodging, for Peter Reading, the late captain Bacon's servant, from the 1st March to the 27th May, 87 days, at 5s. each day -

21 15 0

To the pasturage of four large English horses, from the 1st March to the 1st June, three months, at 15s. per month, each horse -

9 0 0

To the pasturage of one large English horse, from the 1st June to the 1st September, three months, at 16s. 3d. each month, taken away by quartermaster Pardey -

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To lodging and washing for quartermaster Pardey, from the 1st March to the 1st September, 26 weeks, at 20s. each week, occupying a room and a hall -

26 0 0

To the pasturage of one large English horse, from the 1st June, 1796, to the 17th February, 1797, eight months and 16 days, at 16s. 3d. per month, taken away by captain William Richards -

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To the pasturage of two large English horses, from the 1st June, 1796, to the 15th July, 1797, 13½ months, at 16s. 3d. per month, each horse (remaining at pasture) -

21 18 9

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JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, John Hutchison, overseer of Phoenix-Park pen, and made oath, that the above account is just and true; and that the sum of ninety-three pounds six shillings and two pence is justly due thereon.

JOHN HUTCHISON.

Sworn before me, this 15th day of July, 1797.

WM. BOLT.

WM. RICHARDS, captain 17th light dragoons.

THE

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To the parish of St. JAMES,

Dr.

l. s. d.

1795.

July 27.	To paid Morton and Atkinson, for crockery and tin ware, for the detachment of 17th light dragoons	-	-	-	-	33	11	3½
	To paid Colin Thompson, for corn and bread for ditto	-	-	-	-	18	15	0
	To paid John Anderson, for a box of candles for ditto	-	-	-	-	3	15	10
Nov. 23.	To paid John Pinder, for fresh beef supplied his majesty's ship Success, when he came down to Montego-Bay, in August last, with the 83d regiment					75	0	0
July 11.	To paid Colin Campbell, for corn supplied the 20th light dragoons, in August, 1795	-	-	-	-	74	7	6
Aug. 29.	To paid Patrick Dunbar, amount of his account for making bilboes, for securing the rebellious runaway slaves, brought from Savanna-la-Mar for trial					21	2	6
	To paid captain D. Anderson, for amount of expences of providing dinner for the troop escorting the runaways from Savanna-la-Mar	-	-	-	-	5	15	0
	To paid Duncan McFarlane and company, for beef supplied for them	-	-	-	-	9	2	0
Oct. 24.	To paid for beef, &c. for the detachment of militia, at Spring-Mount, in July, 1795, against the maroons	-	-	-	-	5	3	5
	To paid Angus Campbell, for hire of Cuffee, attending at Montego-Bay, as a witness for the crown, against the rebellious runaways, and horse-hire	-	-	-	-	3	16	8
Nov. 14.	To paid Morton and Atkinson, for iron pots and a wire sieve, supplied by them for the troops, in August, 1795	-	-	-	-	5	18	9

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PARISH OF ST. JAMES, for 20th light dragoons,

To MORTON & ATKINSON,

Dr.

l. s. d.

1795.

July 25.	To seven dozen knives and forks	-	-	-	-	8	15	0
	To seven dozen deep plates	-	-	-	-	2	12	6
	To seven dozen table spoons	-	-	-	-	5	5	0
	To six large dishes	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
	To two large tureens	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
	To one dozen quart black jacks	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
	To six shovels, 5s. 6d.—one pair scythes, 25s.	-	-	-	-	3	17	6
	To one gallon water mug	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
	To one quart black jack	-	-	-	-	0	2	6
	To one tin pot	-	-	-	-	0	1	8
	To one dripping-pan	-	-	-	-	0	8	9
	To seven dozen basons	-	-	-	-	3	10	0
	To two hair brooms	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
	To twelve tin candlesticks	-	-	-	-	1	2	6
	To one tin funnel, 1s. 3d.—one tin pot, 7½d.	-	-	-	-	0	1	10½
	To 44lbs. coffee	-	-	-	-	2	4	0

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Supplied for the detachment of light dragoons.

DON. CAMPBELL, acting commissary.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I, James Matthews, do swear, that the above corn was conveyed to the barracks by me, for the use of the 20th light dragoons horses.—*So help me God.*

JAMES MATTHEWS.

Sworn before me, this 22d of February, 1796.

DON. CAMPBELL.

Montego-Bay, this 24th of February.—One hundred and forty bushels of corn, mentioned on the other side, were ordered by us, before the public commissioners, appointed by the assembly, were appointed by the vestry.

DON. CAMPBELL,
J. CUNNINGHAM,
SAM. VAUGHAN *jun.*

PARISH OF ST. JAMES,
1796.

	To PATRICK DUNBAR,	Dr.	
Aug. 3.	To two sets of bilboe-rods, with forty shackles, and two ring-bolts, 338 lbs. at	l.	s. d.
1s. 3d.	- - - - -	21	2 6

The above work was done, and delivered at the gaol, and was necessary for securing the negroes charged with rebellion.

ALEX. ALVES, D. M.

THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES,
1796.

	To DUNCAN ANDERSON,	Dr.	
Aug. 2.	To paid Mrs. Reid, for the use of her house, and servants attendance on the St. James's	l.	s.
	troop of horse, when escorting the runaways who joined the maroons in rebellion,		
	from Savanna la-Mar to Montego-Bay	5	15

THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES,

	To DUN. M'FARLANE & Co.	Dr.	
1796.		l.	s.
Aug. 2.	To beef furnished the St. James's troop, at the barracks, 182 lbs. at 1s.	9	2

The above is just.

DUNCAN ANDERSON, *captain.*

THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES,

	To SPRING-MOUNT ESTATE,	Dr.	
1795.		l.	s. d.
July 20.	To sixty weight of fresh beef, at 10d.	2	10 0
	To three quarters of Pork	2	0 0
	To nine quarts of rum, delivered to negroes	0	6 9
	To a dollar delivered to Penny, by your order	0	6 8
		5	3 5

THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES, per order of John Gayner, *esquire,*

	To ANGUS CAMPBELL,	Dr.	
1796.		l.	s. d.
Aug. 17.	To horse-hire for Coffee, witness on trial of rebellious negroes, at Montego-Bay	1	12 6
	To three days hire of said horse, during the witness's stay	1	10 0
	To five days hire paid his matter, at 2s. 6d. per day	0	12 6
	To cash gave him, going to the Bay	0	1 8
		3	16 8

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THE PARISH OF ST. JAMES,

To MORTON & ATKINSON,					Dr.		
					l.	s.	d.
1796.							
July 25.	To three large iron pots	-	-	-	3	11	10½
	To two ditto	-	-	-	1	1	10½
Sept. 26.	To one brafs wire sieve	-	-	-	1	5	0
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					5	18	9

The above pots were received at the barracks, for the use of the troops, and the brafs sieve to sift powder.

DON. CAMPBELL.

I, John M. Brown, do swear, that the above is a just and true account; and that no part thereof hath been paid.

JOHN M. BROWN.

Sworn before me, this 14th day of November, 1796.

MACLAURIN GILLIES.

CAPT. WALLEN, for 20th light dragoons,

To MORTON & ATKINSON,					Dr.		
					l.	s.	d.
1795.							
Aug. 14.	To eighteen pair mens shoes, at 13s. 4d.	-	-	-	-	12	-

The above shoes were delivered.

DON. CAMPBELL.

I, John M. Brown, clerk to Morton and Atkinson, do swear, that the above account is just; and that no part of it hath been paid.

JOHN M. BROWN.

Sworn before me, this 7th day of March, 1796.

WILLIAM DUNCAN.

I know that the shoes were delivered to colonel Incedon's detachment, at Castle-Wemyss.

G. CARD, quartermaster 20th regiment light dragoons.

Sir, please to pay the above sum of twelve pounds to Mr. D. McIntyre, or order, and oblige your humble servants,

MORTON & ATKINSON.

To captain Wallen, or Mr. Card, of 20th dragoons, quartermaster.

Received payment of the within, by a vestry order of parish of St. James.

GEO. ATKINSON, surviving copartner of Morton and Atkinson.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To DAVID WATSON,					Dr.		
					l.	s.	d.
1797.							
To hire of four able negro men, for the purpose of wooding and watering a detachment of his majesty's 83d regiment of foot, quartered at Fort-George, Portland, from the 9th day of November, 1796, to the 26th day of March, 1797, both days inclusive, being 148 days, at 2s. 6d. each, per day, is	-	-	-	-	69	0	-
To maintenance of the above four negroes, for the aforesaid time, at 5d. each per day	-	-	-	-	11	10	-
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					80	10	-

I do hereby certify, that the above four negroes were employed, the whole of the time, for the purposes above specified.

JOHN NAPPER, captain 83d regiment.

KINGSTON,

KINGSTON, *J.*

I do swear, that the above is a true and just account, to the best of my knowledge and belief.—*So help me God.*

DAVID WARREN.

Sworn before me, this 8th of April, 1797.

ALGER. WARREN.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES BAKER, Dr.

1797.

Mar. 31. To three large boats, employed in transporting the 17th regiment of light dragoons, with their baggage, from Port-Royal to Kingston

l.
15

The above is just.

THOMAS WINDSOR, cornet acting 17th light dragoons.

JAMAICA, *J.*—*Surrey.*

Personally appeared, James Baker, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, deposes, and says, that the above account is just and true, and the charge usual and reasonable.

JAMES BAKER.

Sworn before me, this 19th day of November, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

HIS MAJESTY'S 17TH REGIMENT LIGHT DRAGOONS,

To BENJAMIN WHITTAKER, Dr.

1797.

Mar. 31. To the hire of two negro men, named Tom and Ned, employed as pioneers to the said regiment, from the 15th day of January to this day, making in the whole 76 days for each man, at the rate of 6s. 8d. each per day

l. s. d.
50 13 4

JAMAICA, *J.*—*25th May, 1797.*

These are to certify, the above named negro men were absolutely employed, from the 15th day of January to the 31st day of March ensuing, making in the whole 76 days, in the service set forth in the above account.

J. MACDONELL, captain 17th light dr. goons.

JAMAICA, *J.*—*Surrey.*

Personally appeared, Benjamin Whittaker, and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, deposes, and says, that the above account is just and true, and the charge usual and reasonable, having taken them from on board a ship, where he was receiving the same pay.

BENJAMIN WHITTAKER.

Sworn before me, this 19th day of November, 1797.

FAIRLIE CHRISTIE.

No. XXI.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN HENDERSON, Dr.

1797.

Jan. 19. To amount of account against the 3d Irish brigade, as certified by lieutenant-colonel M'Dermott

l. s. d.
4 15 0

Feb. 14. To amount of account against the 5th Irish brigade, as certified by lieutenant-colonel Stack

25 3 1½

23. To amount of account against the 5th Irish brigade, as certified by lieutenant-colonel Stack

14 10 0

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Mar.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<i>Mar. 15.</i> To amount of account for water supplied the Apostles-Battery, as certified by captain Ross	-	-	-
	39	7	6
<i>17.</i> To amount of account against the 3d Irish brigade, as certified by lieutenant-colonel M'Dermott	-	-	-
	29	9	4½
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	113	5	0

JAMAICA, *ff.*

William Pranch being duly sworn, deposeth, and saith, that the above is just and true, and agreeable to the annexed accounts, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

WM. PRANCH.

Sworn before me, this 23d day November, 1797.

ISAAC SINGER.

No. XXII.

A return of PROVISIONS and RUM issued to the men, women, and children, of a detachment of the 62d REGIMENT, at Savanna-la-Mar, from the 5th November to the 30th December, 1796, inclusive.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
28 gallons, 1 quart, 1 pint, 2 gills, old rum, at 13s. 4d. per gallon	18	16
1165 lbs. 8 ounces, flour, equal to 7¼ barrels, at 8l.	58	0
832 lbs. 8 ounces, salt beef, equal to 5⅙ barrels, at 9l.	51	15
333 lbs. fresh beef, at 1s.	16	13
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	145	4

I do certify the above to be a just return of provisions, &c. issued to the detachment of the 62d regiment, at Savanna-la-Mar, amounting to one hundred and forty-five pounds four shillings.

JOHN F. GOODRIDGE, lieutenant commanding 62d detachment.

Savanna-la-Mar, 30th May, 1797.

A return of PROVISIONS and RUM issued to the men, women, and children, of a detachment of the 62d REGIMENT, at Savanna-la-Mar, from the 31st December, 1796, to 28th April, 1797, inclusive.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
54 gallons, 1 quart, 1 pint, 3 gills, old rum, at 13s. 4d. per gallon	36	3	1½
2258 lbs. 12 ounces, flour, equal to 14⅓ barrels, at 11l. (cash paid)	155	15	0
1613 lbs. 12 ounces, salt beef, equal to 11½ barrels, at 9l.	103	10	0
645 lbs. fresh beef, at 1s.	32	5	0
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	327	13	1½

I do certify the above to be a just return of provisions, issued to the detachment of 62d regiment, Savanna-la-Mar, amounting to three hundred and twenty-seven pounds thirteen shillings and one penny halfpenny.

JOHN F. GOODRIDGE, lieutenant commanding 62d detachment.

Savanna-la-Mar, 24th May, 1797.

No. XXIII.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Charged 62d regiment, 25th May to 9th September, 1796, for rum	19	10	10	allowed	14	13	1½
Flour	47	0	0		37	5	2½
							fresh

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Fresh beef	14	3	9		14	3	9
Salt ditto	43	15	0		35	10	0
	124	9	7		101	11	1
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from 10th September to 4th November,	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Rum	56	6	3	allowed	42	4	0
Flour	122	17	6		101	7	3
Fresh beef	80	14	2		67	3	0
Salt ditto	37	10	0		37	10	0
	297	7	11		248	4	3
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Charged 13th dragoons, cash for two bushels corn	-	-	-		2	0	0
Two camp kettles, 30s.—6lbs. candles, 20s.	-	-	-		2	10	0
For three bushels corn	-	-	-		3	0	0
One camp-kettle, 5s.—two dishes, 5s.	-	-	-		1	0	0
15 lbs. soap, at 1s. 10½d	-	-	-		1	8	½
One hundred and eighty-two bundles grass	-	-	-		6	0	0
					15	18	½
Difference in the accounts as above					72	2	2
					88	0	¾

No. XXIV.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

1796.

To THOMAS MORLEY, Dr.

Jan. 7. To a horse taken from me, by virtue of the commissioners of the parish of St. Ann, and delivered to Joseph Clarke, a private of St. Ann's regiment, then going upon public service, to join the detachment under the command of lieutenant-colonel Jenkins, then in Trelawny, against the rebellious maroons, which said horse has not since been returned or heard of, and for which loss I charge the moderate sum of

20

Personally appeared before me, Thomas Morley, and made oath, that the above sum of twenty pounds is justly due him, for the loss of the aforesaid horse; and that he hath not received any part thereof—*So help me God.*

THOS. MORLEY.

Sworn before me, this 22d November, 1797.

WM. BOLT.

Likewise personally appeared before me, Joseph Clarke, a private of St. Ann's regiment, and made oath, that the above horse, belonging to Thomas Morley, was, by virtue of the St. Ann's commissioners, delivered to him, on the 7th January, 1796, to go to join the detachment under the command of lieutenant-colonel Jenkins, then on service in Trelawny against the maroons; and, in consequence of that service, he lost the said horse, and that he verily believes the said horse to be worth twenty pounds—*So help me God.*

JOSEPH CLARKE.

Sworn before me, this 22d November, 1797.

WM. BOLT.

I do

I do certify, that a horse or gelding, was hired or impressed by my directions as one of the commissioners for St. Ann's, during the late martial law, from Thomas Morley, to convey Joseph Clarke to his station in Trelawny, as above set forth.

THOS. WINDER.

Sworn before me, this 22d day of November, 1797.

WM. EOLT.

No. XXV.

An account of negroes, cattle, carts, and mules, employed on public service, from GEORGE'S VALLEY ESTATE, from 17th August to 18th October, 1795; viz.

Axe-men, 607; cart-men, 55; mule men, 62; attending white people on duty, 37; carts, 23; cattle, 214; mules, 124:—Total of negroes, for one day, 761.

THE PUBLIC,

TO GEORGE'S VALLEY ESTATE.

Dr.

1795.

Sept. 3. To one dozen falling-axes, bought of messieurs J. Lyon and company, for the above service

1. 3.

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Oct. 1. To seven cows and heifers, for the use of the troops, by order of colonel Robert Bell,
valued by Robert Davie, butcher - - - - -

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76 15

The above was by order of

ROBERT BELL, colonel Trelawny regiment.

JAMAICA, A.

Personally appeared before me, Hugh Polson, overseer upon George's Valley estate, in the parish of Trelawny, and maketh oath, that the above is a just and true account of the negroes, cattle, mules, and carts, &c. employed on public service, as above specified.—*So help me God.*

HUGH POLSON.

Sworn before me, this 26th October, 1795.

JAMES LYON.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

TO GEORGE'S VALLEY ESTATE.

Dr.

l. s. d.

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11 12 6

6 3 4

11 1. 6

26 15 0

23 5 0

267 10 5

No. XXVI.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN HENRY SCHROETER,

Dr.

l. s. d.

To my pay as captain of Fort-Balcarres, from 30th November, 1796, to 30th November, 1797, twelve months, at 6s. 8d. per day	-	-	-	121	13	4
To pay as barrack-master, from 1st November, 1796, to 30th November, 1797, thirteen months, at 20s. per week	-	-	-	56	6	8
For painting six guns and carriages, &c.	-	-	-	3	10	0
Cleaning and keeping in order thirty stand of arms, at 2s. 6d. each	-	-	-	3	15	0
Cartridge paper	-	-	-	1	0	0
White-washing the barracks, &c. twice	-	-	-	2	0	0
Cloathing for five pioneers, at 5l. each per annum	-	-	-	25	0	0
Amount of William Dawney's account	-	-	-	3	5	2½
Ditto doct ^r W. Ellis's account for pioneers	-	-	-	6	17	6
				258	7	8½

JAMAICA, ff.

I, John Henry Schroeter, captain of Fort-Balcarres, do swear, that the above accounts are just and true; and the above sums owing to the parties within named, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN HENRY SCHROETER.

Sworn before me, this 9th November, 1797.

JOHN MITCHELL.

CAPTAIN HENRY SCHROETER, for the pioneers of Fort-Balcarres,

To ROBERT CADENHEAD,

Dr.

1797.				7.
Nov. 10. For five blue cloth jackets, ten pairs of ticking trowsers, and five linen shirts	-	-	-	25

Received payment of the above account in full, by the hands of captain John Henry Schroeter.

R. CADENHEAD.

CAPTAIN SCHROETER, for the pioneers at Fort-Balcarres,

To WILLIAM ELLIS,

Dr.

1797.				l. s. d.
For sundry medicines, from February 7th to October 11th	-	-	-	6 17 6

Received payment.

W. ELLIS.

No. XXVII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA, for his majesty's 83d regiment,

To ALEX. WATT,

Dr.

The particulars are specified on fourteen sides of pot paper, being for medicines furnished, between the 16th January and the 4th October, 1797, and amount to	-	-	l. s.
			303 15

JAMAICA, ff.

I, Alexander Watt, do swear, that the above is a just and true account of medicines furnished by me,

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me, for his majesty's 83d regiment of foot, stationed at Montego-Bay, from the 11th January last; and the fundry articles therein contained are charged at the usual cash prices.

ALEX. WATT.

Sworn before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace, this 11th day of November, 1797.

CHARLES EVANS.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I, James Johnstone Fleming, do swear, that the above medicines are charged at the cash prices, which are customarily received by Alexander Watt, in his druggist's shop.

J. JOHNSTONE FLEMING.

Sworn before me, this 11th day of November, 1797.

CH. EVANS.

I do certify, that doctor Alexander Watt did attend the detachment of the 83d regiment, under my command, at Montego-Bay, from the 20th April to the 4th October, 1797; and that he supplied the sick with medicines, none being sent with them, or provided for them by government, during that period.

SKIPP. HAMILTON, *captain 83d regiment.*

I do certify, that doctor Alexander Watt did attend the detachment of the 83d regiment, under the command of the late lieutenant Trimasse, at Montego-Bay, from the 11th January to the 20th April, 1797; and that, no medicines having been provided for them by government, such as were wanted for the sick, were furnished by him all that time.

GEO. BILLINGS, *ensign 83d regiment.*

GEO. RICHARDSON, *lieutenant 83d regiment.*

No. XXVIII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To SARAH SANDERS, *Dr.*

1797.

l. s. d.

To hire of a negro, named Billy, acting as pioneer to a detachment 17th light dragoons, quartered at Lucea, from 26th July, 1796, to 8th May, 1797, at 2s. 6d. *per day*

35 17 6

I certify, that the above negro was actually employed with the above detachment, as set forth; and that none could be procured at less *per day*.

WM. RICHARDS, *captain 17th light dragoons.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I, Sarah Sanders, do swear, that the foregoing account is just and true, and that no part thereof is paid; and that the negro was employed in various services, for the 17th light dragoons, such as making a garden, fetching bread, cleaning the barracks, &c.—*So help me God.*

SARAH ^{her}~~mark~~ SANDERS.

Sworn before me, this 26th October, 1797.

JOHN PERRY.

No. XXIX.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To ST. JAMES'S WORKHOUSE, *Dr.*

1797.

l. s. d.

Jan. 29. For negro labour, 604 days, carrying baggage, water, provisions, and arms, from Montego-Bay to the barracks, and digging graves for soldiers of the 83d regi-

ment,

l. s. a.

ment; also carrying cannon to the barracks, landed <i>ex</i> Brunswick, from Kingston, from 13th November to this day, at 1 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>	-	-	50	6	8
For negro labour, twelve days, carrying water, &c. for runaways taken up in rebellion, and in gaol, under sentence of transportation, at 1 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>	-	-	1	0	0
<i>Oct.</i> 22. For negro labour, 2645 days carrying water and provisions for 83d regiment, stationed at barracks, from 29th January to this day, at 1 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>	-	-	220	8	4
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			271	15	0

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I, James Matthews, supervisor of the workhouse, in the parish of St. James, and island aforesaid, do swear, that the above is a just and true account of negro labour done by the negroes in said workhouse, from the 13th November, 1796, to 21st October, 1797.—*So help me God.*

JAMES MATTHEWS, *supervisor.*

Sworn before me, this 25th day of October, 1797.

S. B. BOWEN.

No. XXX.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To COLIN THOMSON, *Dr.*

1795.	<i>l. s.</i>
<i>July</i> 19. To one half-barrel of FF gunpowder, for the use of the militia	- 12 10

There being no other powder in the magazine, at the time above-mentioned, the above was delivered by my order, for the use of the forces employed against the maroons in rebellion.

J. ROBERT JAMES, *colonel.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I do swear, that the within account is just; and that no part thereof hath been paid.

COLIN THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 2d day of November, 1797.

JOHN PERRY.

No. XXXI.

JAMAICA, *ff.*—*St. Mary.*

At a vestry held at Port-Maria-Bay, 3d day of October, 1795,

Ordered, That William Rofs, of Port-Maria-Bay, be requested to get put in proper order, what guns that are fit for service at Fort-Haldane.

J. FORSYTH, *clerk vestry St. Mary.*

FORT-HALDANE,

To JOSEPH CLEMETSON, *Dr.*

1795.	<i>l.</i>
<i>Dec.</i> 11. To hard timbers for, and making, three gun-carriages. for 24-pound cannon	- 80
To hard timbers for, and making, four gun-carriages, for six-pounders, at 14 <i>l.</i> each	56
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Received payment from William Rofs.

JOSEPH CLEMETSON.

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FORT-HALDANE,

To WILLIAM TAIT, Dr.

1795.

l. s. d.

June 2.	To taking off the hinges of the magazine door, at 15s.—furnishing 12 dozen nails, and fixing on ditto	-	-	-	-	1	2	6
	To making a new key, and repairing the lock of ditto door	-	-	-	-	1	0	0
	To two steel punches, 10s.—and two prickers, 5s.	-	-	-	-	0	15	0
Aug. 5.	To repairing the worm of a great gun	-	-	-	-	0	2	6
Nov. 10.	To altering and repairing three bolts for gun carriages	-	-	-	-	0	15	0
	To one new shackle, and repairing one ditto	-	-	-	-	0	6	3
18.	To two keyed bolts, at 5s.—two double keyed, at 1s. 3d.	-	-	-	-	0	12	6
	To fourteen keys and two forelocks, at 7½d. each	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
28.	To repairing two bolts, 2s. 6d. and two double keys, at 1s. 3d.	-	-	-	-	0	5	0
	To three keyed bolts, 13lbs. at 1s. 6d. and three keys, at 7½d.	-	-	-	-	1	1	4½
	To six keyed bolts, 25lbs. at 1s. 6d.—fix keys and fix forelocks for ditto, 7½d.	-	-	-	-	2	5	0
	To key-holing and rivetting two bolts, at 2s. 6d. each	-	-	-	-	0	5	0
	To four keys and four forelocks, at 7½d.	-	-	-	-	0	5	0
	To two double keys, at 1s. 3d.	-	-	-	-	0	2	6
Dec. 14.	To repairing four bolts, at 2s. 6d.	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
	To three keys and two forelocks, at 7½d.	-	-	-	-	0	3	1½
	To six new linch-pins, at 1s. 3d.	-	-	-	-	0	7	6
	To repairing four old ditto	-	-	-	-	0	2	6
	To repairing two bolts, 5s.—making two small ditto, at 2s. 6d. each	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
	To two double keys, at 1s. 3d. each, and key-holing two bolts, at 1s. 3d. each	-	-	-	-	0	5	0
	To four fore keys and fore locks, at 7½d.	-	-	-	-	1	7	6
	To two keyed bolts, 5s. each	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
	To two double keys, at 1s. 3d.	-	-	-	-	0	2	6
	To one hasp and two staples	-	-	-	-	0	5	0
	To six bolts, at 5s. each	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
	To two eye bolts, and three rivet ditto, 20lbs. at 18d.	-	-	-	-	1	19	0
	To two double keys, at 1s. 3d.	-	-	-	-	0	2	6
	To three bolts, 14lbs. at 18d.	-	-	-	-	1	1	0
	To repairing one old ditto, 2s. 6d.	-	-	-	-	0	2	6

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Received payment by the hands of William Ross.

WM. TAIT.

No. XXXII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM ROSS, Dr.

1797.

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To hire of a white man, to take care of the magazine, air the powder, &c. at Fort-Haldane	50
To hire of two negroes, to assist in working the guns, keeping the barracks and other buildings clean, at 2 l. per annum each	40
To 52 weeks allowance for the negroes, at 2s. 6d. each per week	13

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JAMAICA,

JAMAICA, *ff.*—*St. Mary.*

Personally appeared before me, Alexander Black, of the parish and island aforesaid, gentleman, and made oath, that he was employed by captain Rofs, of Fort-Haldane, on the 30th September, 1795, to take care of the magazine, guns, &c. at said fort; and that he has constantly resided at the fort, from that to the present time; and that captain Rofs has regularly paid him, at the rate of fifty pounds *per annum*, besides an allowance he has made him from his own private pocket, to enable him to reside there: And this deponent further saith, that captain Rofs, from the 25th *July*, 1796, has hired, for the use of the fort, two negroes, at the rate of twenty pounds *per annum*, and supplies them with provisions weekly.

ALEXANDER BLACK.

Sworn before me, this 2d December, 1797.

T. BOURKE.

No. XXXIII.

THE 62D REGIMENT,

To SAMUEL BELL, *Dr.*

1796.

l. s. d.

For sundry medicines supplied said regiment, from May 27, 1796, to April 24, 1797, particulars of which are specified in four folio pages - - - -

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Savanna-la-Mar, 29th May, 1797.

I do certify, that doctor Bell attended a detachment of the 62d regiment, quartered at Savanna-la-Mar, from the 14th May, 1796, to the 24th April, 1797; and the above account I believe to be just.

JOHN F. GOODRIDGE, *lieutenant commanding the detachment.*

No. XXXIV.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM FINCH, *Dr.*

1797.

l. s.

Mar. 11. To the hire of three pioneers, for his majesty's service, in the 3d regiment of Irish brigade, from 5th January last to this date, 65 days each, is 195 days, at 3s. 4d.

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THOS. McDERMOTT, *lieutenant-colonel commanding.*

No. XXXV.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To STEVENSON, DICKSON, & AIKMAN,

Dr.

1796.

l. s. d.

Nov. 10. To advertising a meeting of commissioners of correspondence, two insertions, in Diary - - - -

0 12 6

30. To ditto resolves of the honourable house of assembly, respecting commissioners appointed to lay out money, to make returns, &c. eighteen insertions -

4 10 0

Dec. 1. Ditto resolves respecting relief to be granted to sufferers in the maroon rebellion, eighteen insertions - - - -

4 10 0

To ditto house not to receive private business after this date, twenty-three insertions - - - -

4 6 3

To ditto committee to take into consideration losses, &c. during maroon rebellion, to fit, twenty-two insertions - - - -

4 2 6

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To

		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1796.	To advertising committee to examine commissaries, &c. accounts, to sit, twenty-			
1797.	three insertions - - - - -	4	6	3
Jan. 15.	To ditto list of certificates remaining in the hands of the receiver-general, twenty-			
	four insertions - - - - -	15	0	0
20.	To ditto repairs wanted at Port Royal, Fort-Augusta, Apostles-Battery, &c. four-			
	teen insertions - - - - -	2	12	6
	To ditto proposals to be received by commissioners of accounts, for subsisting his			
	majesty's troops, eighteen insertions - - - - -	3	7	6
26.	To ditto meeting of commissioners of stone bridge, seven insertions - - - - -	1	6	3
27.	To ditto order of board of works, respecting repairs wanted to Fort-Small and			
	king's house, five insertions - - - - -	5	5	0
30.	To ditto rates of stamps, twenty-four insertions - - - - -	18	0	0
Feb. 3.	To ditto meeting of committee of correspondence, four insertions - - - - -	0	15	0
17.	To ditto order of board of works, respecting repairs wanted to the barracks in			
	Clarendon mountains, eleven insertions - - - - -	8	5	0
25.	To ditto notice of board of public works, of pioneers wanted, twelve insertions	3	10	0
Mar. 1.	To ditto meeting of commissioners of stone bridge, six insertions - - - - -	1	5	0
17.	To advertising order of board of public works, respecting repairs wanted at the			
	dragoon hospital, three insertions - - - - -	3	0	0
27.	To ditto order of board of works, 98 slaves wanted as pioneers, eighteen inser-			
	tions - - - - -	5	0	0
	To ditto resolutions of commissioners of stone bridge, nineteen insertions - - - - -	4	15	0
	To ditto order of board of works, respecting repairs wanted to the barracks in			
	Spanish-Town, five insertions - - - - -	1	13	4
June 23.	To ditto proposals to be received by commissioners of accounts, for subsistence of			
	his majesty's troops, twenty-three insertions - - - - -	2	3	9
July 21.	To ditto order of board of works, respecting work wanted at Fort-Augusta, five			
	insertions - - - - -	1	5	0
28.	To ditto order of board of works, respecting work to be done at the king's house,			
	five insertions - - - - -	3	15	0
Aug. 29.	To ditto order of board of works, respecting repairs wanted at Fort-Augusta, &c.			
	six insertions - - - - -	4	10	0
Sept. 11.	To ditto order of board of public works, respecting repairs wanted to the captain's			
	house, &c. at Fort-Augusta, seven insertions - - - - -	3	5	0
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				111 0 10

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Andrew Aikman being sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true; and that no part of it hath been paid.

ANDREW AIKMAN.

Sworn before me, this 28th November, 1797.

GEO. KINGHORN.

No XXXVI.

LIST of sundry VOUCHERS, signed by officers commanding different detachments of his majesty's forces in Jamaica, for negroes hired from MARTHA THOMAS, together with some from the Kingston workhouse, from 14th July, 1796, to 24th November, 1797.

								<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Total amount of the vouchers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	799	15	10
Deduct due Kingston workhouse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68	15	0
Due Martha Thomas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	731	0	10

Captain M'Donald, the officer commanding the garrison, assured M. Thomas that she should have 3*s.* 4*d.* a-day for her negroes, if they did the double duty of pioneers and water-carriers; that he was authorized from the adjutant-general's office to offer 3*s.* 4*d.* a-day for pioneers: M. Thomas humbly submits to the honourable house, the saving that resulted to the public, by her negroes doing the double duty of pioneers and water-carriers, from the 1st April; as formerly, from seventeen to twenty-one, and latterly from twelve to thirteen, negroes were employed from the workhouse, to carry water to Kingston barracks, at 2*s.* 6*d.* per day, as will more fully appear by the workhouse books; at which periods the different corps and detachments had their full complement of pioneers

MARTHA THOMAS.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To KINGSTON WORKHOUSE & M. THOMAS, Dr.

To ten negroes, drawing and carrying water to the barracks, for his majesty's 3d regiment of the Irish brigade, from the 14th of July to the 6th of September, 1796, 550 days, at 2*s.* 6*d.* 68 15

ED. STACK, lieutenant-colonel commanding.

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, George Thomas, who being duly sworn, faith the within account is just and true.

GEO. THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 30th November, 1796.

PEEKE FULLER.

Kingston, Nov. 20, 1797.

This voucher was presented to Alexander Jopp, esquire, president of the workhouse in 1796, but returned; it was afterwards inclosed to Mr. Smith, clerk to the board of public accounts, to be presented; part belongs to the Kingston workhouse, and part to me.

MARTHA THOMAS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, Dr.

To one hundred and twenty days hire of black pioneers, doing duty with the sick of the 3d regiment of the Irish brigade, quartered at Kingston barracks, from the 29th October to the 27th of 1. November, 1796, at 3*s.* 4*d.* per day - - - - - 20

I do certify, that the above negroes were employed; and that they also carried water for the use of the sick.

JOHN N. RORKE, surgeon Irish brigade.

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, George Thomas, who being duly sworn, faith the within account is

is just and true; and the reason of it not being presented last sessions, to the honourable the house of assembly, was owing to the indisposition of the officer commanding, when at Kingston.

GEO. THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 22d of February, 1797.

WM. DANCE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, *Dr.*

To the hire of ten negroes, doing duty as pioneers, with his majesty's 5th regiment of the Irish brigade, from the 1st December, 1796, to the 8th of February following, being *l. s. d.*
70 days, at 3s. 4d. - - - - - 116 13 4

We do certify, that the above ten negroes were employed.

D. ORCHARD, *adjutant 5th Irish brigade.*

W. PIKE, *acting quartermaster 5th Irish brigade.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, George Thomas, who being duly sworn, saith that the within account is just and true.

GEO. THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 14th February, 1797.

PERKE FULLER.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, *Dr.*

To two hundred and sixty days negro labour, in drawing and carrying water, &c. for the use of the troops at Kingston barracks, from the 9th to the 28th of February, 1797, both days inclusive, at 2s. 6d. - - - - - *l. s.*
32 10

I do certify, that the above negroes were employed, having signed two of this tenor and date.

JOHN WARDLAW, *captain 63d regiment.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, George Thomas, who being duly sworn, saith the within account is just and true.

GEO. THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 16th day of March, 1797.

WM. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, *Dr.*

1797. *l. s. d.*
To four hundred and three days negro labour, in drawing and carrying water, &c. for the use of the troops at Kingston barracks, from the 1st to the 31st of March, 1797, both days inclusive, at 2s. 6d. - - - - - 50 7 6

I do certify, that the above negroes were employed, having signed two of this tenor and date.

JOHN BAYLES, *major 63d regiment.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, saith, that the within account is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 9th of April, 1797.

WM. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

1797.

To MARTHA THOMAS, Dr.

To three hundred and ninety days negro labour, in drawing and carrying water, &c. for the use of the troops at Kingston barracks, from the 1st to 30th April, 1797, both days inclusive, at 3s. 4d. 65

I do certify, that the above negroes were employed, having signed two of this tenor and date.

J. MACDONELL, captain 17th light dragoons.

JAMAICA. ff.

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, faith that the within account of sixty-five pounds is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th November, 1797.

WM. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

To four hundred and three days negro labour, in drawing and carrying water, &c. for the use of the troops at Kingston barracks, from the 1st to the 31st May, 1797, both days inclusive, at 3s. 4d. - - - - - 67 3 4

I do certify, that the above negroes were employed, having signed two of this tenor and date.

J. MACDONELL, captain 17th light dragoons.

JAMAICA. ff.

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, faith, that the within account is just and true, sixty-seven pounds three shillings and four pence.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th of November, 1797.

WM. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, Dr.

1797.

l.

For nine negroes, as pioneers to his majesty's 83d regiment, from the 1st of June to the 30th, at 3s. 4d. per day - - - - - 45

JOHN NAPPER, captain 83d regiment.

JAMAICA. ff.

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, faith, that the above account of forty-five pounds, is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th November, 1797.

WM. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, Dr.

1797.

l.

For four negroes, as pioneers to his majesty's 13th regiment light dragoons, from the 1st of June to the 30th, at 3s. 4d. per day - - - - - 20

The above-mentioned pioneers were employed by the 13th regiment of dragoons, for the period above-mentioned.

RODOLPHUS BUCHANAN, lieutenant 13th light dragoons.

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JAMAICA.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, saith the within account of twenty pounds, is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th of November, 1797.

W. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, *Dr.*

1797.									<i>l. s.</i>
For nine negroes, as pioneers to his majesty's 83d regiment, from the 1st of July to the 31st, at									
3s. 4d. per day	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46 10

The above pioneers were employed by the 83d regiment, for the above-mentioned time.

JOHN NAPPER, *captain 83d regiment.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, saith the within account of forty-six pounds ten shillings is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th November, 1797.

W. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, *Dr.*

1797.									<i>l. s. d.</i>
For four negroes, as pioneers to his majesty's 13th regiment of dragoons, from the 1st of July									
to the 31st, at 3s. 4d. per day	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20 13 4

The above pioneers were employed by the 13th dragoons, for the above period.

RODOLPHUS BUCHANAN, *lieutenant 13th light dragoons.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, saith the within account of twenty pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th November, 1796.

W. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, *Dr.*

1797.									<i>l. s.</i>
For nine negroes, as pioneers to his majesty's 83d regiment, from the 1st of August to the 21st,									
at 3s. 4d. per day	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31 10

JOHN NAPPER, *captain 83d regiment.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, saith the within account of thirty-one pounds ten shillings, is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th November, 1797.

W. PINK.

His

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS,

Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

To four negroes as pioneers to his majesty's 13th regiment of dragoons, stationed at Kingston barracks, from 1st to 24th August, 1797, at 3s. 4d. per day - - 14 13 4

The number of negroes above-mentioned were employed, for the above period.

ROD. BUCHANAN, *lieutenant commanding detachment dragoons.*

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, faith the within account of fourteen pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th November, 1797.

W. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS,

Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

For four negroes, as pioneers to his majesty's 13th regiment of dragoons, from the 25th of August to the 24th of September, at 3s. 4d. per day - - - 20 13 4

ROD. BUCHANAN, *lieut. comm. detachment 13th light dragoons.*

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, faith the above account of twenty pounds thirteen shillings and four pence, is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th November, 1797.

W. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS,

Dr.

1797.

l.

For nine negroes, as pioneers to his majesty's 4th battalion of the 60th, from the 22d of August to the 7th of November, at 3s. 4d. per day - - - 117

B. RAWDON, *quartermaster 60th regt. 4th bat.*D. WALKER, *capt. comm. detach 60th regt. 4th bat.*

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, faith the above account of one hundred and seventeen pounds, is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th November, 1797.

W. PINK.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS,

Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

For four negroes, as pioneers, to his majesty's 13th regiment of dragoons, from the 24th of September to the 6th of November, at 3s. 4d. per day - - - 29 6 8

ROD. BUCHANAN, *lieut. comm. detachment 13th dragoons.*

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, faith the above account is from

from 25th September to 7th of November, and that the amount of twenty-nine pounds six shillings and eight pence, is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th November, 1797.

W. PINK.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To MARTHA THOMAS, Dr.

To twelve negroes, as pioneers to his majesty's 4th battalion of the 60th regiment, from 8th to 24th November, 1797, at 3s. 4d. per day - - - - - 34

DAVID WALKER, *capt. comm. detachment 60th regt. 4th battalion.*

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, Martha Thomas, who being duly sworn, saith, that the above account of thirty-four pounds, is just and true.

MARTHA THOMAS.

Sworn before me, this 24th November, 1797.

W. PINK.

No. XXXVII.

THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To DAVID ROSS, Dr.

To hire of one negro pioneer, to serve the deputy adjutant general's office, from 16th March, 1797, up to the 31st day of May following, being seventy-seven days, at the rate of 3s. 4d. *l. s.*
per day - - - - - 12 15

The above is a just account.

A. BUTTER, D. A. G.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I, David Ross, of Passage-Fort, wharfinger, do swear, that the above account is just and true.

DAVID ROSS.

Sworn before me, this 25th day of November, 1797.

PEEKE FULLER.

No. XXXVIII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA, *per order of colonel M. Murdo,*

To the ANGELS WAGGONAGE, Dr.

1797. *l.*

Jan. 16. For hire of one waggon, one large wain, with fleers, to carry convalescent troops and baggage, from the barracks in Spanish-Town to Port-Henderson, *per* agreement; waggon, 10*l.* wain, 5*l.* - - - - - 15
Feb. 21. For ditto of two waggons, and fleers, to carry ditto from ditto to ditto, *per* agreement - - - - - 20
Mar. 16. For ditto of six waggons, and fleers, to carry 3d regiment Irish brigade's baggage and invalids, from ditto to ditto, *per* agreement, at 1*l.* per waggon - - - - - 60
31. For ditto of two waggons, and fleers, to carry 3d regiment Irish brigade's sick and baggage, from ditto, to Fort-Augusta, *per* agreement - - - - - 20
July 7. For ditto of two waggons, and fleers, to carry 63d regiment's sick and baggage, from ditto to Fort-Augusta, *per* agreement - - - - - 20
Sept. 8. For ditto of one waggon, and fleers, to carry ditto from ditto to ditto, *per* agreement - - - - - 10

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JAMAICA,

JAMAICA, ff.

I do swear, that the above is a just and true account.

CHARLES LEWIS.

Sworn before me, this 16th day of November, 1797.

ISAAC SINGER.

No. XXXIX.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES FANNIN,

Dr.

			<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1796.					
Dec.	6.	To three weeks advertising collecting constables to give an account of taxes	0	15	0
1797.					
Jan.	7.	To one month ditto a list of certificates remaining in the receiver-general's office		3	0 0
	22.	To one ditto ditto the valuation of slaves transported		10	0 0
	27.	To one ditto ditto an order for publishing the stamp and gunpowder acts		0	15 0
		To one ditto ditto the stamp act		135	0 0
		To one ditto ditto the gunpowder act		25	0 0
		To one ditto ditto an order for the government mountain and court laws		0	15 0
		To one ditto ditto an act for continuing two several acts of the militia		5	0 0
		To one ditto ditto the court law		5	0 0
		To one ditto ditto an advertisement of the commissioners of the stamp act, and the rates of paper and printed forms		7	10 0
Feb.	25.	To two weeks ditto pioneers wanted		1	5 0
April	3.	To three ditto ditto ditto ditto		2	10 0
May	13.	To four months ditto collectors of the rum duty		4	10 0
June	3.	To twenty-seven weeks ditto government mountain for sale		16	17 6
		To four ditto ditto the resolution of the public commissioners, not to subsid the 6th West-India regiment		1	5 0
July	25.	To one month ditto proposals to be given-in for subsidising his majesty's troops		0	15 0
	28.	To six weeks ditto 10 per cent. papers		1	5 0
Aug.	9.	To one ditto ditto no business of a private nature to be received		0	5 0
	23.	To two ditto ditto postponing the receiving of tenders for supplying the troops		0	10 0
Sept.	11.	To one month ditto an order for publishing an act for enforcing instructions to captains of letters of marque		1	0 0
		To one ditto ditto the act		12	10 0
	16.	To three weeks ditto proposals to be received for subsidising his majesty's troops		0	15 0
Nov.	22.	To three ditto ditto ordering the senior magistrates to call a vestry		0	15 0
		To one month ditto no business of a private nature to be received after the 1st of December		0	15 0
		To two weeks ditto the commissioners for laying out the sum of nine thousand pounds on roads, to make returns		0	10 0
		To two ditto ditto the collecting constables who are in arrears, to attend the house		0	10 0
		To two ditto ditto clerks of the vestry to make a return of the road-tax		0	10 0
		To seven months ditto the names of the collectors of the rum duty		10	10 0
			249 12 6		

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I do swear the above account is just, and charged at the usual rates; and that no part thereof hath been paid.

JAMES FANNIN.

Sworn before me, this 22d day of November, 1797.

DON. CAMPBELL.

No. XL.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To MAJOR GRANT, a maroon officer of Charles-Town, Dr.

1795.

To supplying some of the troops, when in Charles-Town, with victuals and drink	-	7.
To a saddle loit, when ordered to Kingston	-	9
	-	5
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I do swear, that the above account is just and true.—*So help me God.*

MAJOR ^{his} ~~+~~ GRANT.
_{mark.}

Sworn before me, this 25th day of November, 1797.

DAVID SHERIFF.

No. XLI.

THE PARISH OF WESTMORLAND, or the ISLAND OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN MORISON, Dr.

1797.

April 24. For accommodating a detachment of the 62d regiment with lodgings, from the 15th February to this date, thirteen persons, for 10 weeks, at 6s. 8d. per week each, per agreement	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	6	8
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The above is a just and true account.

JAMES BRUNTON, *sergeant 62d regiment.*JAMAICA, *ff.*

I, John Morison, the petitioner in the annexed petition named, do swear, that the within is a just and true account; and that the name James Brunton, set and subscribed at the foot thereof, is of the proper hand-writing of James Brunton, then sergeant and commanding the detachment of the sixty-second regiment, having seen him sign the same.—*So help me God.*

JOHN MORISON.

Taken and sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1797.

GEO. MURRAY.

I certify, that the non-commissioned officers and privates of a detachment of the 62d regiment of foot, had my orders to move from the barracks to the hospital, in consequence of the barracks being crowded; and that, in consequence of the great sickness in the hospital, they moved to town, where Mr. Morison did provide lodgings for them.

JOHN BROWNE, *major 13th light dragoons.*

19th June, 1797.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I, John Morison, the petitioner in the annexed petition named, do swear, that the name John Browne,

Browne, set and subscribed at the foot of the within certificate, is of the proper hand-writing of John Browne, then major of the 13th regiment of light dragoons, having seen him sign the same.—*So help me God.*

JOHN MORISON.

Taken and sworn before me, this 23d day of October, 1797.

GEO. MURRAY.

No. XLII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN WELSH, captain of Fort-Small,

Dr.

				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To the hire of two negro men at the said fort, to take care of the buildings, &c. from 1st						
January, 1796, to 31st December, 1797, at 20 <i>l.</i> per annum each	-	-		80	0	0
Their allowance, at 3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> each per week	-	-	-	34	13	4
				<hr/>		
				114	13	4

JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, John Welsh, and maketh oath, that the above account is just, and the charge such as government allows for people of that description, employed as pioneers to the different regiments.

JOHN WELSH.

Sworn before me, this 28th day of November, 1797.

ADAM DOLMAGE.

No. XLIII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN MITCHELL,

Dr.

				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1795.						
Sept. 4.	To 50½ yards green baize, at 3 <i>s.</i> 1½ <i>d.</i> is 157 <i>s.</i> 9¾ <i>d.</i> —1 lb. thread, 10 <i>s.</i>			8	7	9¾
	To paid for making the above into jackets	-	-	5	16	8
	To 7 yards linen, 26 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i> —thread, 8 <i>s.</i> 9 <i>d.</i>	-	-	1	15	0
	To 2 tin kettles and covers, 5 <i>s.</i> —2 mugs, 3 <i>s.</i> 9 <i>d.</i> —3 ditto, 3 <i>s.</i> 9 <i>d.</i> —6 nut-					
	megs, 5 <i>s.</i>	-	-	0	17	6
	To 6 each, buck-handled knives and forks, 17 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> —10 cutteau knives, 6 <i>s.</i> 3 <i>d.</i>			1	3	9
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				18	0	8¾

I do certify, that the above were distributed to a detachment of the Trelawny regiment, under my command, at Shaw-Castle.

JAMES GALLOWAY, lieutenant-colonel commanding a detachment of militia.

No. XLIV.

THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,

To estate of DAVID M'HARDIE,

Dr.

				<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1791.						
Nov. 23.	To two weeks advertising the ayes and noes, on a motion being made the house of assembly will not grant any money for roads, this present session			0	12	6
Dec. 6.	To four weeks advertising that no business of a private nature should be received after the 1st December	-	-	0	15	0
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		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1792.	To two weeks advertising that the house of assembly will not receive any business of a private nature, after the 9th instant	-	-	0 10 0
Jan. 10.	To two weeks advertising an act for granting pay to the militia; an act for the better order and government of slaves; the hawkers and pedlars act; and poll-tax act	-	-	7 10 0
	To two weeks advertising a resolution of the house of assembly, to refuse granting 10,000 <i>l.</i> to be paid into the hands of M. Raboteau, for the use of the general assembly of St. Domingo	-	-	0 10 0
April 3.	To two weeks advertising the numbers and names taken, on a motion being made, that the receiver-general do issue certificates, counter-signed by three of the commissioners of accounts, bearing an interest of six <i>per cent. per annum</i> , to the amount of 10,000 <i>l.</i> sterling, in payment of bills to be drawn by the government of St. Domingo, on the treasury of France	-	-	0 15 0
17.	To one month advertising the thirteen resolutions agreed to the 14th March, and the other proceedings of the house	-	-	10 10 0
	To two weeks advertising two acts; the one, an act for preventing the embezzlement of his majesty's stores of war, &c.; the other, an act to regulate the sales of newly imported negroes, &c.	-	-	1 10 0
June 12.	To three weeks advertising an act to repeal an act entitled, "An act to regulate the sales of newly imported negroes;" and, an act to prohibit the purchasing, hiring, or employing, certain foreign slaves, except as therein mentioned	-	-	3 15 0
July 17.	To two months advertising an act to enable the lieutenant-governor to take slaves from the several workhouses of this island, for certain purposes, and on certain conditions	-	-	4 10 0
Nov. 22.	To one month advertising that no business of a private nature will be received after the 4th December	-	-	0 15 0
Nov. 22.	To one month advertising a resolution that the house of assembly will not receive any business of a private nature after the 26th instant	-	-	0 15 0
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JAMAICA, *ff.*

I do swear the above account, amounting to thirty-two pounds seven shillings and six pence, appears by the books of David McHardie, deceased, as justly and lawfully due and owing to his estate; and that no part payment appears to have been made on the same — *So help me God.*

JOHN CHRISTIE, *executor to the estate of David McHardie, deceased.*

Sworn before me, this 13th November, 1797.

WM. BENNETT.

No. XLV.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN McDONALD, Dr.

		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
1797.			
Nov. 13.	To four carts, with two mules in each, employed in removing the major's company of the 4th battalion 60th regiment baggage, from Stoney-Hill to Kingston barracks, that company being ordered to join a detachment of said regiment lying in Kingston barracks, at 9 <i>s.</i> each cart	-	18 0
28.	To a cart, with two mules, and a negro man named Harry, employed as mess and hospital cart, bringing up sundry articles for mess and hospital use, from Kingston	-	

to Stoney-Hill barracks, for the 4th battalion 60th regiment lying there, from 11th September to this day, both days inclusive, is 79 days, at 30s. per day - 118 10

136 10

I certify the above account to be just.

R. J. NAPIER, lieutenant-colonel commanding 4th battalion 60th regiment.

B. RAWDON, quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.

JAMAICA, //

Personally came and appeared before me, this twenty-ninth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, John McDonald, of the parish of St. Andrew, and made oath, that the above four carts were employed as stated, and also the hospital and mess cart, with mules and negro, which was entirely supported by him while in the said employ.

JOHN McDONALD.

Sworn before me, this 29th day of November, 1797.

J. M. DWYER.

No. XLVI.

No. 1.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT of 13TH LIGHT DRAGOONS, from 18th December, 1796, to 24th June, 1797.

					<i>l. s. d.</i>
1796.					
Dec. 24 & 25.	To boat-hire, per Willway & Dobbs, wharfingers, for disembarking horses, ex transport Barnes	-	-	-	5 0 0
	To paid the hire of a canoe, disembarking the men, per ditto	-	-	-	2 15 0
	To ditto ditto ditto, baggage ditto	-	-	-	2 10 0
	To ditto Hymen Cohen, as per vou her	-	-	-	4 0 0
	To ditto Henry Cerf, landing ex brig Conquest	-	-	-	5 0 0
	To ditto cart hire, for conveying baggage from the wharf	-	-	-	3 6 8
	To ditto hire of a canoe, disembarking baggage	-	-	-	0 10 0
	To ditto boat-hire for disembarking baggage, &c. per Peter Atkins	-	-	-	10 10 0
	To ditto cart-hire, per Lavland Smith	-	-	-	18 2 6
	To ditto boat-hire, per William Young, for landing baggage	-	-	-	9 0 0
	To ditto cart-hire, per serjeant Kelly	-	-	-	0 13 4
1797.					
Jan. 1.	To ditto ditto, per quartermaster Lawrence	-	-	-	0 13 4
	To ditto Turner, per account, furnished for carriage of sick men and baggage, from Savanna-la-Mar to Black-River	-	-	-	14 9 2
	To ditto ditto, for carriage of non-commissioned officers, and their baggage, from Savanna-la-Mar to Lucea, when receiving the drafts of 17th dragoons	-	-	-	4 17 6
	To ditto ditto, for ditto of captain Kent's baggage, from Black River to Lucea, when ditto	-	-	-	6 0 0
	To ditto ditto, for ditto of quartermaster Webster's ditto, from Savanna la-Mar to ditto, when ditto	-	-	-	4 0 0
	To clothing twenty-four pioneers, for one year, at 5 <i>l.</i> each, from 18th December, 1796, to 18th December, 1797	-	-	-	120 0 0
	To a large mule and cart, for the use of the regiment	-	-	-	40 0 0
	To harness complete for ditto	-	-	-	4 0 0
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	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1797.			
Jan. 1. To one hundred and eighty-three days grafs for said mule, from 25th December, 1796, to 24th June, 1797, at 1s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. <i>per</i> day	17	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
To paid for five wheel-barrows, for the use of the regiment	17	10	0
To ditto for ten shovels, for ditto ditto, at 10s. each	5	0	0
To ditto for ten hoes, for ditto ditto, at 6s. 8d. ditto	3	6	8
To what paid for embarking thirty-seven men, and baggage, at Black-River, for Kingston, <i>per</i> government order, 18th March, 1797.	5	6	8
To ditto for carriage of ten mens baggage, from Savanna-la-Mar to Black-River, ditto	3	0	0
To ditto for ditto of clothing, from Black-River to Kingston, for a detachment there	12	6	8
To ditto for ditto of ditto, from Savanna-la-Mar to Black-River, <i>per</i> captain Foote	2	5	10
	321	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$

I certify upon honour, the above account is just and true, having paid the different sums as above specified.

JOHN BROWNE, *major commanding 13th light dragoons.*

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT *of a detachment* 13TH LIGHT DRAGOONS.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1796.			
Nov. 15. By amount of a bill furnished by Lower-Works pen, for removing baggage	6	3	2
By amount of boat-hire at Black-River, as <i>per</i> voucher	5	17	6
By hire of ditto embarking the men and baggage, <i>per</i> Charles M ^r Knight	2	0	0
By ditto of ditto disembarking sick at Port-Royal, <i>per</i> voucher	1	6	8
By ditto of ditto ditto baggage at ditto, ditto	2	0	0
	17	7	4

JOHN BROWNE, *major 13th light dragoons.*

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT 13TH LIGHT DRAGOONS, *from 25th June to 19th December, 1797.*

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Nov. 15. To paid for disembarking a detachment from Kingston	4	0	0
To grafs for regimental mule, from 25th June to 24th December, 1797, 183 days	17	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
To paid for the hire of a boat, for carriage of adjutant Lawrence's baggage, from Savanna-la-Mar to Black-River	6	0	0
To paid for the hire of a cart conveying regimental chests, books, &c. from Savanna-la-Mar to Black-River	3	0	0
	30	3	1 $\frac{1}{2}$

I certify upon honour, the above account is just and true, having paid the different sums as above specified.

JOHN BROWNE, *major 13th light dragoons.*

No. 2.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To CUNINGHAME, FERGUSON, & Co.

Dr.

1796.					l.	s.	d.
Dec. 17.	Thirty-two pigs lead, 4480lbs. at 50s.	-	-	-	112	0	0
	Thirteen rheams musket catridge-paper, 40s.	-	-	-	26	0	0
	20lbs Dutch thread, 150s.—three rheams brown paper, 175s.	-	-	-	16	5	0
	17lbs. pack ditto, 127s. 6d.—840 feet boards, 16l 16s.	-	-	-	23	3	6
	1440 three-inch nails, 37s. 6d.—one coil rope, 17l. 10s.	-	-	-	19	7	6
	Six pair scissors, 30s.—six cutting knives, 15s.	-	-	-	2	5	0
	Paid dravage, 10s. 7½d.—boatage, 45s.	-	-	-	2	15	7½
27.	Two rheams cannon cartridge paper	-	-	-	10	0	0
	10lbs. flour, 10s.—7 cwt. junk, 17l. 10s.	-	-	-	18	0	0
	Paid drayage and wherry-hire	-	-	-	0	17	6
1797.							
July 14.	16lbs. nails, for repairing ammunition-boxes	-	-	-	0	16	0
					231	10	1½

JAMAICA, ff.

I do swear, that the above account is just and true, and the customary prices charged; and that the goods were delivered.

J. H. Wood.

Sworn before me, in Kingston, 6th November, 1797.

JAMES AMOSS.

I do hereby certify, that the several articles charged in the within account, were supplied by messrs Cuninghame, Ferguson, and company, for the public service.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of November, 1797.

ADAM DOLMAGE, island store-keeper.

The articles charged the 17th December, were for making 75,000 carbine cartridges. Those of the 27th, were for making cannon cartridges, for the guns mounted on the Hanover Line.

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No. 3.

ESTIMATE of the expence of keeping the ARMS belonging to the island clean and in repair, for the year

1798.					l.	s.	d.
One armourer, 365 days, at 20s. per week	-	-	-	-	52	2	10
One assistant. ditto, at 18s. 1½d. per ditto	-	-	-	-	47	2	6
Five labourers, ditto, at 15s. 7½d. per ditto	-	-	-	-	203	2	6
Oil	-	-	-	-	40	0	0
Crocus for rubbers	-	-	-	-	5	10	0
Two hogsheds of coals	-	-	-	-	15	0	0
To be provided for	-	-	-	-	262	17	10

There is an additional expence for oil charged in the above estimate: The cavalry arms, that were received in June last, having got wet, and were much injured by rust; which caused an extra expensiture of that article.

Also, for the pay of one non-commissioned officer of the royal artillery, employed as conductor of stores at Fort-Augusta, at the rate of 30l. per annum.

ADAM DOLMAGE, island store-keeper.

Spanish-Town, 22d November, 1797.

No.

No. 4.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To KINGSTON WORKHOUSE.

Dr.

l. s. d.

To 485 negroes, drawing water at the barracks, for his majesty's 62d regiment, from 8th December, 1796, to 15th January, 1797, both included, at 2s. 6d. -

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JOHN O'BRIEN, quartermaster 62d regiment.

I certify, that the above account is just.

THOMAS DRINKWATER.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To KINGSTON WORKHOUSE.

Dr.

L.

To the hire of 269 negroes, drawing water at the barracks, for detachments of his majesty's 63d and 83d regiments, from 16th January to 8th February, 1797, at 2s. 6d.

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ALEX. SINCLAIR, *sergeant 63d regiment.*

I certify, that I believe the above account to be just.

SKEFF. HAMILTON, *captain 83^d regiment.*

No. 5.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WM. EDMONDSTOUNE.

Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

Jan. 19. To two hand-saw files	-	-	-	-	-	0	1	8
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27. To 200 10d. nails, 2s. 6d.—gimblet, 10d.	-	-	-	0	3	4
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Feb. 17.	To one large file	-	-	-	-	0	1	8
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April 10.	To one ditto, 2s. 6d.—one ounce borax, 2s. 6d.	-	-	0	5	0
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May	1.	To one large file	-	-	-	-	-	0	3	4
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July 18. To one ditto ditto, 3s. 4d.—one ditto, 2s. 6d.	-	-	0	5	10
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Aug. 8. To one large ditto	-	-	-	-	0	3	4
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14. To one jug neatsfoot oil	-	-	-	-	2	15	0
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Oct. 17.	To one large file, 3s. 4d.—28th, one large ditto, 3s. 4d.	-	-	0	6	8
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To one jug neatsfoot oil, 70s.	-	-	-	-	3	18	0
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I do swear, that the above account is just, and that the articles are charged at the usual and customary rates.

WM. EDMONDSTOUNE.

Sworn before me, this 17th November, 1797.

ROB. ROSS.

I do hereby certify, that the several articles in the within account, were supplied by Mr. William Edmondstone, for the public service.

Given under my hand, this 17th day of November, 1797.

ADAM DOLMAGE, island store-keeper.

No.

No. 6.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To ROBERT PITCAIRN, Dr.

1796.							l.
Dec. 24.	To four arm-chests, at 50s.	-	-	-	-	-	10
1797.							
Aug. 16.	To seven arm-chests, at 100s.	-	-	-	-	-	35
							45

I do hereby certify, that the chests first above charged were supplied for the purpose of holding arms, which were issued for the regiment of militia under the command of the honourable John Scott; and the latter for the regiment under the command of the honourable Henry Shirley.

Given under my hand, this 3d day of November, 1797.

AD. DOLMAGE, island store-keeper.

No. 7.

An account of expences incurred by his majesty's 20TH, or JAMAICA, regiment of LIGHT DRAGOONS, for removing baggage, &c. &c. from 1st November, 1796, to 31st October, 1797.

			l.	s.	d.
	Amount of contingent expences. annexed, 1st November, 1796, to 31st August,				
	. 1797, during major Anson's command	-	204	7	2
Sept. 3.	An account paid C. McGinness. for seven recruits expences from Port-Maria	-	3	15	10
	A ditto Moses Franco. for wainage	-	8	13	4
	A ditto Mr. Fraser, for repairing the regimental cart-harness	-	1	1	3
	A ditto for repairs to the regimental cart	-	0	10	6
15.	A ditto to the sergeant-major, for candles and cartridge-paper	-	7	19	2
	A ditto for three water carts, and three sets harness	-	47	10	0
	A ditto William Pieterfon, for sundry repairs to the regimental cart	-	4	10	0
Oct. 4.	Paid for the apprehension of two pioneers; viz. Miller and Yetty, 1l. 12s. 6d.				
	each	-	3	5	0
	An account paid Henderson, for wharfage, &c.	-	5	7	11
	A ditto quartermaster Rossi, for expences when out with a party, after deserters	-	12	16	5½
	Cash and Russia duck, advanced by lieutenant Pryor, present paymaster, for finishing the cloathing for pioneers	-	16	0	0
17.	An account paid T. Darlev, for refreshment to men in search of a deserter	-	1	0	0
	Workhouse fees at Morant-Bay, for a pioneer named Pistole, belonging to the regiment, who was advertised by a wrong name; viz. Francis Kelly, a free black man, belonging to 17th light dragoons	-	14	1	2
	To the hire of a mess-house, from 1st January to 31st December, 1797	-	140	0	0
	Expences of a man and pioneer, with the cart, going to Kingston at sundry times	-	12	18	5
31.	An account paid the sergeant-major, for candles and cartridge-paper	-	2	12	3½
			486	8	6

I certify upon honour, that the sums which are charged in this bill, for the several contingent expences therein mentioned, are the exact sums which have been advanced, and are charged.

EDW. P. WALLEN, captain commanding 20th light dragoons.

An account of expences incurred by his majesty's 20TH, or JAMAICA, regiment of LIGHT DRAGOONS, from 1st November, 1796, to 31st August, 1797.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1797. To monies paid by lieutenant Simpson, late pay-master, as <i>per</i> vouchers	62	5	10
To cloathing for the pioneers, charged by lieutenant Simpson	40	16	10½
April 7. Expences of a quartermaster, in bringing seven recruits from Port-Maria	4	7	6
Paid Robert Tidmarsh, for sundry carpenters repairs	3	5	0
Expences in apprehending a deserter, at Mount-Diablo tavern	1	13	9
Mar. 11. Paid Mr. Allee, for repairs to a regimental cart	6	18	9
Paid wharfage of ten bales, containing cloaks and Irish linen for the regiment, together with carriage from Kingston	8	10	0
Messieurs Fry and Coffens, cart, saddle, &c.	1	0	0
Aug. 3. Mr. Mathison's account for refreshment to men in search of deserters	5	10	7½
Ditto another	9	9	4½
7. Paid Mr. Allee, a bill for covering a convalescent cart	4	0	0
Sergeant-major Deacon, for candles for the different guard-rooms	3	18	9
Sergeant-major's bill, for candles and cartridge-paper	7	0	2½
A bill for repairing the cart	0	10	6
Expences of major Anson, in purchasing horses	45	0	0
	204	7	2

I certify the above.

G. ANSON, *major commanding 20th light dragoons.*

No. 8.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To the OFFICERS of his majesty's 20TH (or JAMAICA) regiment of LIGHT DRAGOONS, for LODGING-MONEY, from 1st November, 1796, to 31st October, 1797.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Major George Anson, from 1st November, 1796, to 31st August, 1797, at 50 <i>l.</i> <i>per annum</i>	41	13	4
Captain Louis Correvont, from ditto, to 24th May, at 20 <i>l.</i> <i>per annum</i>	11	6	0
Captain Edward P. Wallen, from ditto, to 31st August, at ditto	16	13	4
Ditto ditto ditto, from 1st Sept. to 31st October, 1797, (commanding the regiment), at 50 <i>l.</i>	8	6	8
Captain Roberts Anderson, the full time, at 20 <i>l.</i>	20	0	0
Four lieutenants.—Thomas Fellows, John Pryor, Colin Campbell, and Henry Rennalls, full time, at ditto	80	0	0
Lieutenant Samuel Simpson, from 1st Nov. 1796, to 6th March, 1797, at ditto	7	0	0
Cornet William Raymond, from ditto, to 24th May, at ditto	11	6	0
Cornet Williams Blake, from 23d May, 1797, to 31st Oct. at ditto	8	6	5
Cornet Samuel W. Ross, from 21st June, ditto, to ditto, at ditto	7	7	3
Acting cornet Peter McKenzie, doing duty with the regiment, from 1st Nov. 1796, to 31st May, 1797, at ditto	11	13	4
Surgeon John Robinson, the full time, at ditto	20	0	0
Assistant surgeon Edward Coldwell, from 23d May to 31st Oct. at ditto	8	16	5
Hospital mate Andrew Dawson, the full time, at ditto	20	0	0
Island mate E. T. Hanson, from 1st November, 1796, to 24th May, 1797, ditto	11	6	0
Island mate Walter Lundie, from 2d April to 31st October, 1797, ditto	11	11	5

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Six quartermasters—Bailey, Perry, Phillips, Ansell, Rossi, and Robertson, the full time, at 20/	l.	s.	d.
	120	0	0
Adjutant George Card, the full time, at 20/	20	0	0

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JAMAICA, *ff.*

Personally appeared before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace for the island aforesaid, captain Edward Pinck Wallen, commanding the above-mentioned regiment of light dragoons, and made oath, that the above account of lodging-money, for himself and the officers above-mentioned, is a just and true account, there being no barrack allowed by the country for them at Spanish-Town.

ED. P. WALLEN, *captain commanding 20th light dragoons.*

Suborn before me, this 23d day of November, 1797.

F. SMITH.

No. 9.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To the OFFICERS of his majesty's ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY, for LODGING-MONEY, from 1st Dec. 1796, to 30th Nov. 1797, inclusive.

l. s. d.

Lieutenant-colonel commanding John Ramsey, from 1st December, 1796, to 30th November, 1797, 365 days, at 50 <i>l. per annum</i>	50	0	0
Major Edward Stehelin, from ditto, to ditto, 365 days, at 20 <i>l. per annum</i>	20	0	0
Captain William Buchanan, from 3d December, 1796, to 12th February, 1797, 72 days, at ditto	3	16	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Captain Richard Hamilton, from 1st December, 1796, to 22d May, 1797, 173 days, at ditto	8	2	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Captain William Dixon, from 1st December, 1796, to 17th April, 1797, 138 days, at ditto	7	11	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Captain George Wulff from 22d March to 22d May, 1797, 62 days, at ditto	3	7	6
Lieutenant C. Younghusband, from 1st December, 1796, to 30th November, 1797, 365 days, at ditto	20	0	0
Lieutenant Tho. B. P. Hardy, from 14th March to ditto, 262 days, at ditto	14	7	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Lieutenant Samuel Watson, from 22d ditto to 24th April, 1797, 34 days, at ditto	1	17	3
Lieutenant Pen. Powney, from 22d ditto to 30th November, 1797, 254 days, at ditto	13	18	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
Lieutenant James MacLachlan, from 3d December, 1796, to 30th November, 1797, 363 days, at ditto	19	17	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lieutenant John Armstrong, from ditto, to ditto, ditto, at ditto	19	17	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Lieutenant Davy Wilgrefs, from 22d March to 6th April, 1797, 16 days, at ditto	0	17	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chaplain John Barton, from 1st December, 1796, to 20th February, 1797, 82 days, at ditto	4	9	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Surgeon Robert Blackwell, from ditto, to 30th November, 1797, 365 days, at ditto	20	0	0
Assistant surgeon James Shaw, from ditto, to ditto, ditto, at ditto	20	0	0
Assistant surgeon John Fitzmmons, from ditto, to 22d May, 1797, 173 days, at ditto	8	2	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ordnance store-keeper, &c. Nicholas Lechmere, from ditto, to 30th November, 1797, 365 days, at ditto	20	0	0
Clerk of ordnance T. G. Mayne, from ditto, to ditto, ditto, at ditto	20	0	0
Clerk of cheque Henry A. Genet, from ditto, to ditto, ditto, at ditto	20	0	0
Hospital mate Thomas Nicholls, from 1st August, 1796, to 30th November, 1797, 487 days, at ditto	26	13	8 $\frac{1}{4}$

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JAMAICA.

JAMAICA, &c.

Personally appeared before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace for the island aforesaid, Lieutenant-colonel John Ramsey, of the royal artillery, and made oath, that the above account of lodging-money, for himself and officers of his majesty's royal artillery, is a just and true account, there being no barracks allowed by the country for them, at Port Royal; nor for hospital mates.

JOHN RAMSEY, lieutenant-colonel royal artillery.

Sworn before me, this 18th day of November, 1797.

ROBERT BLACKWELL.

RETURN of officers, non-commissioned officers, privates, drummers, wives, widows, and children, of the ROYAL ARTILLERY, who have drawn ISLAND PAY, from 1st December, 1796, to 30th November, 1797, inclusive.

	Lieut. col. comm.	Capt. & subalterns	Staff.							Officers wives	Officers children	Non-comm. officers, privates, & drummers.	Widows	Wives	Children
			Chaplain	Ordnan. st. re-keeper, &c.	Surgeon	Assist. surgeon	Island mates	Clerk of ordn.	Clk. of cheque						
Dec. 1796	1	8	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	5	12	64	5	1	24
Jan. 1797	1	8	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	5	12	132	6	18	26
February	1	9	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	6	12	125	6	18	26
March	1	11	1	1	1	1	4	1	1	6	12	125	6	18	26
April	1	11	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	6	12	200	7	26	34
May	1	8	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	6	12	194	9	24	34
June	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	6	11	182	7	22	34
July	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	6	11	172	6	24	31
August	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	6	11	172	6	24	31
September	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	6	11	172	6	22	28
October	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	6	11	172	6	20	29
November	1	6	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	6	11	164	6	20	29

JOHN RAMSEY, lieutenant-colonel royal artillery.

No. 10.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN HENDERSON,

Dr.

		l. s. d.		
1796.				
Nov. 21.	To wainage from Port-Henderson to Spanish-Town, one puncheon of flints	0	6	8
Dec. 20.	To ditto from Spanish-Town to Port-Henderson, four large chests arms, at 10s.	2	0	0
22.	To freight from Fort-Augusta, on board the Brunswick, 20 barrels gunpowder, at 3s. 4d.			
		3	6	8
30.	To ditto from Fort-Augusta to the ship Duckenfield, seventeen barrels gunpowder, at 3s. 4d.			
		2	16	8
	To wharfage and freight from Port-Henderson to the Duckenfield, four large chests arms, at 12s. 6d.			
1797.		2	10	0
Jan. 14.	To freight and wharfage, ninety-two small cases ball-cartridges, at 5s.	18	10	0
	To wainage of the above ninety-two cases, to Spanish-Town, at 2s. 6d.	9	5	0
19.	To freight and wharfage sixteen middling-chests arms, at 7s. 6d.	6	0	0
	To wainage of the above sixteen chests to Spanish-Town, at 7s. 6d.	6	0	0
		27.	To	

l. s. d.

27.	To wainage from Spanish-Town to Port-Henderfon; <i>viz.</i>			
	11 large chests arms, at 10s.	-	-	5 10 0
28.	10 ditto ditto ditto, at 10s.—1 box flints, 2s. 6d.	-	-	5 2 6
	To freight and wharfage to Kingston, the above twenty-one chests arms, at 10s.			
	—1 box flints, at 2s. 6d.	-	-	10 12 6
Mar. 8.	To freight and wharfage from Port-Royal, nineteen small cases ball-cartridges, at 5s.	-	-	4 15 0
	To wainage of the above nineteen cases, to Spanish-Town, at 2s. 6d.	-	-	2 7 6
9	To freight and wharfage from Fort-Augusta, thirty-five cases ball-cartridges, at 5s.	-	-	8 15 0
	To wainage of the above thirty-five cases to Spanish-Town, at 2s. 6d.	-	-	4 7 6
July 31.	To wainage from Spanish-Town, four large chests arms, at 10s.	-	-	2 0 0
	To freight and wharfage to Port-Royal, the above four large chests arms, at 10s.	-	-	2 0 0
Aug. 15.	To freight from Fort-Augusta, forty-barrels gunpowder, at 3s. 4d.	-	-	6 13 4
	To wharfage of the above forty barrels gunpowder, at 10s.	-	-	20 0 0
	To wainage of the above forty barrels gunpowder, from Port-Henderfon to Spanish-Town, at 5s.	-	-	10 0 0
Nov. 23.	To freight from Fort-Augusta, forty barrels gunpowder, at 3s. 4d.	-	-	6 13 4
	To five casks nails, at 1s. 3d.	-	-	0 6 3
	To wharfage of the above forty barrels gunpowder, at 10s.	-	-	20 0 0
	To five casks nails, at 1s. 3d.	-	-	0 6 3
	To wainage from Port-Henderfon to Spanish-Town, the above forty barrels gunpowder, at 5s.	-	-	10 0 0
	To five kegs nails, at 2s. 6d.	-	-	0 12 6
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				170 16 8

JAMAICA, *&c.*

Personally appeared before me, William M^rRobbie, who made oath, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM M^rROBBIE.

Sworn before me, this 23d day of November, 1797.

WILLIAM CRUICKSHANK.

I do hereby certify, that the above work was done and performed by John Henderson, his servants and cattle, for the public service.

Given under my hand, this 24th November, 1797.

ADAM DOLMAGE, *island store-keeper.*

No. II.

Twickenham-Park pen.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES JONES, Dr.

1797.					<i>l. s. d.</i>
Sept. 8.	To the hire of a wain, with arms, from Spanish-Town to Kingston	-	-	-	5 6 8
Nov. 10.	To the carriage of two chests of arms, from Spanish-Town to Kingston	-	-	-	2 0 0
20.	To the hire of a waggon, for one day, carrying arms from the barrack to the arsenal, in Spanish-Town	-	-	-	7 10 0
23.	To ditto, ditto	-	-	-	7 10 0
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					22 6 8
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					I, David

I, Dugald McDougald, overseer on Twickenham-Park, do swear the above account is just.

DUGALD McDOUGALD.

Sworn before me, this 27th day of November, 1797.

WILLIAM RAMSAY.

I do hereby certify, that the above work was done and performed by James Jones, esquire, his servants and cattle, for the public.

Given under my hand, this 27th day of November, 1797.

ADAM DOLMAGE, *Island store-keeper.*

No. 12.

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT of his majesty's 63d, or West Suffolk, REGIMENT OF FOOT, from the 7th December, 1796, to 20th December, 1797.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To paid Robert Thomson, for water for the barracks of Kingston, from 17th January to 17th April, thirteen weeks, at 10s. per week	-	6	10 0
To paid candles for guard-house at Kingston, from 25th December, 1796, to 18th April, 1797, at 2s. 1d. per day	-	11	19 7
Jan. 26. To paid extraordinary candles, number of prisoners being confined	-	0	1 3
To paid for rope for the well at Kingston barracks	-	0	6 8
To paid negro driver, for his attendance four Sundays, with the workhouse negroes, bringing water for Kingston garrison	-	0	7 6
To paid boat hire, bringing ammunition from Fort-Augusta, for the regiment	-	0	14 2
To paid mending cart-wheels, Up-Park hospital	-	3	0 0
To paid for candles for guard-house, Spanish-Town, from 30th March to 31st May	-	4	0 5
To paid quartermaster, for cartridge paper	-	8	11 8
To paid for candles for guard-house, Spanish-Town, from 1st June to 30th September	-	9	9 7
To paid for advertising deserters in the Royal Gazette	-	10	10 0
To $\frac{2}{3}$ of a year hire of a mess-house, from 20th March to 20th December	-	75	0 0
To Mrs. Joseph, of Stoney-Hill, for a horse for the use of the hospital and regiment, from 17th January to 3d February, eighteen days, at 10s.	-	9	0 0
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		139	10 10

I certify upon honour, that I have investigated the above account, that the contingent charges have been incurred and paid by the paymaster, and that they have been absolutely necessary for the service of the 63d regiment.

ROB. BRERETON, *lieutenant-colonel 63d regiment.*

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To the OFFICERS of his majesty's 63d, or West Suffolk, REGIMENT OF FOOT, for LODGING-MONEY, from the 1st December, 1796, to 31st December, 1797, both days inclusive.

	<i>days.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Lieutenant-colonel Brereton, from 20th March to 31st December, 1797	287	39	6	3
Major John Baylis, from 17th April to 1st June, 1797	45	2	9	8
Captain M'Leroth, from 7th December, 1796, to 20th March, and from 18th of July to 31st December	271	14	19	2
Captain sir J. Wardlaw, baronet, from 20th March to 31st December, 1797	287	15	16	10
Captain Johnston, from 1st April to 2d September	155	8	11	1
Captain Wemyss, from 20th March to 31st December	287	15	16	10
				Captain

	days.	l.	s.	d.
Captain McNiven, from 21st May to 31st December	225	12	8	5
Captain Stirling, from 20th March to ditto	287	15	16	10
Lieutenant Boyd, from 27th ditto to ditto	280	15	9	2
Lieutenant Thompson, from 20th ditto to ditto	287	15	16	10
Lieutenant Pennett, from 17th April to ditto	259	14	5	11
Lieutenant Colby, from 1st ditto to ditto	275	15	3	7
Lieutenant Touzell, from ditto to ditto	275	15	3	7
Lieutenant Purcell, from 28th March to ditto	279	15	8	0
Lieutenant Clune, from ditto to ditto	279	15	8	0
Lieutenant Bourke, from 20th ditto to ditto	287	15	16	10
Lieutenant Maxwell, from 7th December, 1796, to ditto	390	21	10	7
Lieutenant Johns, from 29th January to ditto	337	18	12	1
Ensign Philben, from 1st June to ditto	214	11	16	3
Island ensign Lane, from 2d March to ditto	335	16	16	9
Surgeon Mitchell, from 7th December, 1796, to ditto	390	21	10	7
Assistant surgeon Aitken, from ditto to 20th May	165	9	2	2
Assistant surgeon Bayles, from ditto to 1st June	177	9	15	5
Island hospital mate Gallagher, from 1st ditto to 31st December	396	21	17	3
Cagland, from 20th March, 1796, to ditto	287	15	16	10
Panton, from 19th June to ditto	196	10	16	5
Clough, from 20th March to ditto	287	15	16	10
		421	8	2

ROB. BRERETON, *lieutenant-colonel 63d regiment.*

No 13.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To DONALD CAMPBELL,

Dr.

	l.	s.	d.
To the keeping clean 1175 stand of arms, from the 1st December, 1796, to the 1st December, 1797, at 1s. 8d. each, by order of the governor	97	18	4
To so much to Daniel McIntyre, for repairing a harness, as <i>per</i> his account annexed	27	7	6
To amount of Patrick Dunbar's account, for three new carriages, as <i>per</i> his account annexed	37	7	6
To amount due John Christie, for repairs of ninety stand of arms, at 6s. 8d. as <i>per</i> agreement	30	0	0
	192	13	4

I, Donald Campbell, do swear, that the above-mentioned arms are now, and have been, clean and in good order, from the 1st December last to this date.—*so help me God.*

DON. CAMPBELL.

Sworn before me, this 29th of November, 1797.

ADAM DOLMAGE.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To DANIEL McINTYRE,

Dr.

	l.	s.	d.
Oct. 5. To a strong leather panel, lined with swanskin, and two straps, to a cart saddle,	0	16	3
13s. 9d.—a girth to ditto, 2s. 6d.	-	-	-
			To

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To a strong crupper, with buttock straps, double breech-band, with iron links, and belly-band, to ditto	2	10	0
To a strong leather panel, lined with swan skin, and five straps to another, 15s.—a girth to ditto, 2s. 6d.	0	17	6
To a strong crupper, with buttock straps, double breech-band, with iron links, and belly-band, to ditto, 50s.—new strong leather panel, lined with swan skin, and two straps to another, 12s. 6d.	3	2	6
To a crupper, with buttock straps and double breech-band	1	15	0
To three new neck collars, lined with tick	3	15	0
To a pair iron-bound painted hains, with straps	0	17	6
To new lining with swan skin, and mending, four collars	3	0	0
To three strong back-bands, with long broad cruppers, for leading horse, 75s.—new head-halls, throat-bands, short sides to reins, and otherwise mending two cart bridles, 10s.	4	5	0
To five new cart bridles, with blinders, &c. complete	3	15	0
To a strong leather panel, lined with swan skin, and three straps to another, 13s. 9d.—two girths, 5s.	0	18	9
To a crupper, with buttock straps, double breech-band, and belly-band, 35s.	1	15	0
	27	7	6

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I do swear, that the above work was done by order of Donald Campbell, esquire, for the use of the artillery at Monrego-Pay, and that the same is just, and the work is done at the most reasonable charges.—*So help me God.*

DANIEL McINTYRE.

Sworn before me, this 6th day of November, 1797.

THOS. D. BERNARD.

THE ISLAND OF JAMAICA,

To PATRICK DUNBAR, *Dr.*

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1797.			
Aug. 14. To three new wheels, for three field-pieces, at 80s. each	12	0	0
To three set of new tyre for ditto, 67 lb. at 1s. 3d.	4	3	9
To repairing two wheels, with new fellies and new spokes	3	10	0
To ten dozen tyre nails for ditto, at 7s. 6d.	3	15	0
To a new cap and four new bolts, for the carriages of the howitzer, 55 lb. at 1s. 3d.	3	8	9
To repairing four cartridge-boxes for the carriages, at 7s. 6d.	1	10	0
To repairing three gun-carriages, at 30s.	4	10	0
To painting ditto, and painting the cartridge-boxes repaired	4	10	0
	37	7	6

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I, Patrick Dunbar, do swear, that the above work was done and executed, for the use of the public of Jamaica.—*So help me God.*

PATRICK DUNBAR.

Sworn before me, 23d November, 1797.

JOHN INGRAM.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN CHRISTIE, Dr.

1797.
 March 1. To repairing ninety stand of arms, at 6s. 8d. as per agreement - - - l. 30

I, John Christie, of the parish of St. James, gunsmith, do swear, that the above account is just; and that no part of it hath been paid.—*So help me God.*

JOHN CHRISTIE.

Sworn before me, this 3d of November, 1797.

JOHN INGRAM.

No. 14.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES DEAN, Dr.

	l.	s.	d.
1796.			
Dec. 9. To cash paid the hire of eight negroes, to carry the sick of 63d regiment on shore,			
1797. at the time of disembarking - - - - -	2	6	8
Jan. 12 & 13. To hire of a boat, and landing stores from the Harvey's Desire, belonging to			
17th light dragoons - - - - -	5	0	0
To hire of seven negroes, for ditto ditto - - - - -	3	10	0
14 & 15. To hire of seven negroes, receiving stores from the Catherine transport, for			
ditto ditto - - - - -	3	10	0
To hire of seven ditto, taking ditto into the store. ditto - - - - -	1	15	0
16. To landing and hire of negroes, for major-general Bowyer and suite's baggage,			
say eight negroes for one day, at 5s. each - - - - -	2	0	0
18. To one ditto for ditto - - - - -	0	5	0
May 15. To hire of a wherry, to take the non-commissioned officers of 62d regiment foot			
to Fort-Augusta, as per general orders - - - - -	2	10	0
	20	16	8

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES DEAN, Dr.

	l.	s.	d.
1796.			
Dec. 9. To cash paid the hire of eight negroes, to carry the sick of the 63d regiment on			
shore, at the time of disembarking at the ordnance wharf - - - - -	2	6	8

I hereby certify, that the negroes charged in the above account is just and true, the 63d regiment at that time having no pioneers.

ROB. BRERETON, lieutenant-colonel 63d regiment.

JAMAICA. ff.

Personally appeared before me, James Dean, and being duly sworn, maketh oath, and saith, that the above is a just account, and charges reasonable.

JAMES DEAN.

Sworn before me, this 25th day of November, 1797.

JOHN JAKES.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES DEAN, Dr.

	l.	s.	d.
1797.			
Jan. 12 & 13. To hire of a boat, and landing stores, from the Harvey's Desire, belonging to the			
17th light dragoons - - - - -	5	0	0
	4	P	To

	To hire of seven negroes, for landing said stores	-	1	-	3	10
24 & 15.	To hire of ditto, receiving stores from the Catherine transport	-	-	-	3	10
	To hire of ditto ditto, taking ditto into the stores, one day	-	-	-	1	15
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					13	15

I do hereby certify, that the above account is just and true.

E. HUGHES, *quartermaster 17th dragons.*

JAMAICA. *B.*

Personally appeared before me, James Dean, and being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above is a just account, and charges reasonable.

JAMES DEAN.

Sworn before me, this 25th day of November, 1797.

JOHN JAKUES.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES DEAN, *Dr.*

1797.		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
<i>Jan.</i> 16.	For landing and hire of negroes, for major-general Bowyer and suite's baggage, &c. eight negroes for one day, at 5 <i>s.</i> each	-	2 0
	For ditto ditto, one ditto for one day	-	0 5
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			2 5

I do hereby certify, that the above account is just and true.

T. B. CAMPBELL, *aid-du camp.*

JAMAICA, *B.*

Personally appeared before me, James Dean, and being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above is a just account, and charges reasonable.

JAMES DEAN.

Sworn before me, this 25th day of November, 1797.

JOHN JAKUES.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES DEAN, Dr.

1797.		l.	s.
May 15.	For hire of a wherry, to take the non-commissioned officers of 62d regiment foot to Fort Augusta, as <i>per</i> general orders	-	-
			2 10

I hereby certify, that the wherry charged in the above account, was employed as specified.

H. R. DALY, *captain 62d regiment.*

JAMAICA, *J.*

Personally appeared before me, James Dean, and being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above is a just account, and charges reasonable.

JAMES DEAN.

Sworn before me, this 25th day of November, 1797.

JOHN JAQUES.

No. 15.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To MARK HOWARD, Dr.

1796.					l.
July 6.	To hire of six wains, carrying the convalescents and baggage of the 62d regiment, from the ordnance wharf to Up-Park Camp, at 40s. each	-	-	-	12
Sept. 4.	To carriage of three pieces of ordnance, from the Camp to Kingston, and negro-hire shipping them on the brig Conquest	-	-	-	11
	To two wain-loads fixed ammunition, from ditto to ditto, at 40s.	-	-	-	4
	To two cart-loads shot	-	-	-	2
Nov. 15.	To carrying two field-pieces from the Camp to messieurs H. Bogle and company's wharf, in Kingston, 40s.	-	-	-	4
					33

No. 16.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA.

Account of lodging-money due the OFFICERS of the 83d regiment, quartered in the island of Jamaica, that have not been in a regular barrack, from the 2d August, 1796, to 1st August, 1797.

	days.	l.	s.	d.
Lieutenant-colonel Thomas Gibson, commanding officer, from 2d August, 1796, to 1st August, 1797,	365	50	0	0
Lieutenant-colonel William Godley, from 16th September, 1796, to 31st May, 1797,	258	14	2	8
Captain H. J. White, from 16th ditto, 1796, to 28th February, 1797,	166	9	1	8
Captain-lieutenant Jacob Brunt, from 2d August, 1796, to 1st August, 1797,	365	20	0	0
Lieutenant Thomas Smith, from ditto to ditto	365	20	0	0
Lieutenant W. J. Homan, from 16th September, 1796, to 24th March, 1797,	190	10	8	2
Lieutenant Robert Scott, from 16th ditto to 30th April, 1797,	227	12	8	8
Lieutenant Abraham Brunt, from 2d August, 1796, to 1st August, 1797,	365	20	0	0
Lieutenant G. A. Richardson, from ditto to 31st December, 1796,	152	8	6	3
Lieutenant M. S. Tremasse, from ditto to ditto,	152	8	6	3
Ensign Hugh M'Hugh, from 20th ditto to 1st August, 1797,	367	19	0	2
Ensign Langlelan Wright, from 2d ditto to ditto,	365	20	0	0
Island ensign William Dance, from ditto to ditto,	365	20	0	0
Island ensign John Clement, from 8th March to ditto,	147	8	1	3
Island ensign Samuel Pleydel, from 8th December, 1796, to ditto,	237	12	19	6
Quartermaster Thomas Summerfield, from 25th ditto to ditto,	220	12	0	10
Assistant surgeon J. G. Cavanagh, from 2d August, 1796, to 28th January, 1797,	180	9	17	0
		274	12	5

JAMAICA. //

Personally appeared before me, one of his majesty's justices of the peace for the island aforesaid, Lieutenant-colonel Thomas Gibson, commanding his majesty's 83d regiment, and made oath, that the above account of lodging-money, for himself and officers of said regiment, is a just and true account, there being no barracks allowed by the country for the officers of the regiment.

THOS. GIBSON, Lieutenant-colonel 83d regiment.

Sworn before me, this 28th day of November, 1797.

JOHN CLINTON M'ANUFF.

No.

No. 17.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN DAVIDSON,

Dr.

1797.
May. For wharfage of shipping fundries for the 17th light dragoons, as *per* the annexed account - - - - -

l. s. d.

8 18 4

MR. HUGHES, as *quartermaster* to 17th light dragoons,

To JOHN DAVIDSON,

Dr.

1797.
May 24. For shipping on the ships Simon Taylor and Augustus Cæsar, twenty-six large chests and trunks, with sundry other baggage, belonging to the regiment
 And nine ditto ditto, at 5s. - - - - -

l. s. d.

6 13 4

2 5 0

8 18 4

Kingston, 22th May. 1797.

I do hereby certify, that the baggage, as specified on the other side, was shipped from the wharf of Mr. John Davidson, for the 17th regiment of light dragoons.

E. HUGHES, *quartermaster* 17th dragoons.JAMAICA, *ss.*I do swear, that the charges in the within account are reasonable, and customary.—*So help me God.*

JOHN DAVIDSON.

Sworn before me, this 3d July, 1797.

J. LAING.

No. 18.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To the 4TH BATTALION 60TH REGIMENT,

Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

To furnishing candles for the guards, at Stoney-Hill and Kingston barracks, commencing 30th August and ending 30th November 1797, inclusive, at 2s. 1d. each post, *per* night - - - - -

21 5 0

To extra candles, on account of prisoners at both posts - - - - -

2 10 6

Aug. 30. To two scythe blades, for the regiment and garrison - - - - -

3 6 8

Sept. 6. To paid for advertizing for pioneers - - - - -

0 18 7½

Oct. 8. To paid for boat-hire to bring stretchers, for the hospital at Kingston barracks, from Port-Royal - - - - -

1 0 0

9. To paid for two pick-axes, at 10s. - - - - -

1 0 0

To ditto for four shovels, at 6s. 8d. - - - - -

1 8 8

12. To paid for a boat to go on board ships suspected of harbouring deserters - - - - -

2 5 0

Nov. 1. To repairing a house for the armourers to work in - - - - -

5 0 0

To paid for bellows, anvil, and vice, &c. for the armourers at Stoney-Hill - - - - -

21 0 0

59 14 5½

I hereby certify, the above sums were actually expended, as specified.

R. J. NAPIER, *lieutenant-colonel* commanding 4th battalion 60th regiment.

No.

No. 19 and 20.—*Vide* No. 2 of No. LXVII.

No. 21.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES M'DERMOTT, Dr.

l. s.

To hire of a negro, Prince, at 3s. 4d. per day, for his majesty's service 3d regiment of Irish brigade, from the 1st December, 1796, to 21st March, 1797, one hundred and eleven days, at 3s. 4d. per day, amounts to

18 10

THOS. M'DERMOTT, *lieut. col. comm. 1st regt. of Irish brigade.*

Spanish-Town, 21st March, 1797.

No. 22.

To the honourable DONALD CAMPBELL, *esquire, speaker, and others the MEMBERS, of the honourable house of assembly,*

The PETITION of lieutenant-colonel CHARLES M'MURDO,

Sheweth,

That your petitioner solicits lodging-money and island pay, from the 1st of December, 1796, to the 30th of November, 1797, as deputy quartermaster-general to his majesty's forces in Jamaica.

Lodging-money, at 50l. per annum

Island pay, at 20s. per week

l.

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CHARLES M'MURDO, *deputy quartermaster-general.*

No. 23.

To the honourable DONALD CAMPBELL, *esquire, speaker, and others the MEMBERS, of the honourable house of assembly,*

The PETITION of lieutenant WALTER JOHNSON,

Sheweth,

That your petitioner solicits lodging-money, from the 1st of November, 1796, to the 30th of November, 1797, as military secretary to the commander in chief; viz.

Lodging-money, at 50l. per annum, 13 months

l. s. d.

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WALTER JOHNSON, *military secretary.*

No. 24.

JAMAICA, *ss.*

To the honourable DONALD CAMPBELL, *esquire, speaker, and others, MEMBERS, of the honourable house of assembly,*

The humble PETITION of major AUGUSTUS GOULD, *barrack-master for the island,*

Sheweth,

That your petitioner has, from the 2d December last to the present time, paid the utmost attention, and diligently performed the duties of his office, as barrack master:

That, for such service, there is due to your petitioner, a sum at the rate of ten shillings per day, being the usual allowance:

Your petitioner therefore prays, that this honourable house will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and grant him relief therein.

And your petitioner shall ever pray.

AU. GOULD, *island barrack master.*

No. 25.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

To the honourable DONALD CAMPBELL, esquire, speaker, and others, MEMBERS, of the honourable house of assembly,

The humble PETITION of acting brigade major GOULD,

Sheweth,

That, on the 6th December next, there will be due to your petitioner the sum of fifty pounds, for one year's lodging money, as acting major of brigade to his majesty's regular forces in this island :

Your petitioner therefore prays, that this honourable house will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and grant him relief therein.

And your petitioner shall ever pray.

AU. GOULD, A. M. E.

No. 26.

To the honourable DONALD CAMPBELL, esquire, speaker, and others the MEMBERS, of the honourable house of assembly,

The PETITION of brigade major GOULD,

Sheweth,

That your petitioner solicits island pay, from 31st of August, 1797, to the 30th of November instant.

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Island pay, at 20s. per week, thirteen weeks, is	-	-	-	-	13

AU. GOULD, A. M. E.

No. 27.

JAMAICA, *ff.*

To the honourable earl BALCARRES, &c. &c.

The humble PETITION of ELIZABETH SYLVESTER,

Sheweth,

That, in an action with the rebellious maroons, which happened on the 6th day of November, 1795, under the command of captain Stewart, (member at present of the honourable house of assembly), her husband was killed, who was the means of her only support :

That, since his death, she has experienced great distresses, on account of the loss she has sustained ; and, from old age, not able to help herself :

Your poor petitioner therefore most humbly prays, that your honour will commiserate her distressed state, and be an advocate on her behalf, with the present sitting of assembly, to grant her some relief for her future support.

And your petitioner will ever pray, &c.

No. 28.

To the right honourable ALEXANDER earl of BALCARRES, lieutenant governor and commander in chief of his majesty's island of Jamaica, &c. &c.

The MEMORIAL of ALEXANDER ROSE, practitioner in physic and surgery, at Black-River, in the parish of St. Elizabeth, county of Cornwall, and island aforesaid,

Humbly setteth forth,

That your memorialist was applied to, by the commanding officer of the detachment of the 13th regiment

regiment of light dragoons, quartered in the barracks of the aforesaid town of Black-River, on the 17th day of May, 1797, to attend and visit the sick belonging to the detachment aforesaid, the surgeon of said regiment being then stationed at Savanna-la-Mar, and the assistant surgeon in Kingston :

That your memorialist did accordingly regularly attend and visit the sick in the hospital, from the 17th day of May, 1797, to the 30th day of August following, as will fully appear by the signatures of the commanding officer and surgeon of the said regiment, to the account hereunto annexed; during which time, the yellow fever was the prevalent complaint among the sick in said hospital :

That your memorialist also supplied the necessary medicines, there being none in the hospital :

Your memorialist humbly begs leave further to observe, that the only charge made for attendance, is for visits to one of the men of the said corps, at the distance of nine miles, then dangerously ill : Your memorialist therefore humbly presumes it will appear, that he is justly entitled to be paid the amount of the said account, hereunto annexed; and hopes your lordship will be pleased to direct payment of the same to be made, in such manner as to your lordship may seem proper :

And your memorialist, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

ALEXANDER ROSE.

THE 13TH REGIMENT LIGHT DRAGOONS,

To ALEXANDER ROSE, Dr. -
l. s. d.

For medicines furnished, and attendance on, a detachment of said regiment, from 17th			
February to 30th August, 1797	-	-	42 16 8

I certify, that the attendance and medicines within specified, were given, on account 13th light dragoons, quartered at Black-River.

J. ROCHE, *surgeon 13th light dragoons.*
JOHN BROWNE, *major 13th light dragoons.*

No. XLVII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To ALEXANDER AIKMAN, Dr.
l. s. d.

1796.	To six quarto prayer-books, in red Morocco, elegantly gilt, at 5 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i> omitted in last account	-	-	-	31 10 0
	To lettering the above, " House of Assembly," at 10 <i>s.</i> ditto	-	-	-	3 0 0
	To cash paid J. B. Grosicard, for translating M. Massoul's proposals for Jamaica landscapes, ditto	-	-	-	1 12 6
Dec. 2.	To thirteen copies votes of assembly, 1795, delivered to new members of the house, at 6 <i>s.</i>	-	-	-	42 5 0
	To eleven ditto laws of Jamaica, 2 vols. 4to. for the new judges of the supreme and Cornwall assize-courts, at 8 <i>l.</i> 5 <i>s.</i>	-	-	-	90 15 0
	To eleven ditto abridgments of ditto, at 40 <i>s.</i> for ditto	-	-	-	22 0 0
	To eleven ditto of 33d, 34th, 35th, and 36th, Geo. III. for ditto, two at 20 <i>s.</i> one at 60 <i>s.</i> and one at 55 <i>s.</i>	-	-	-	85 5 0
3.	To advertising notice from compensation committee, six weeks	-	-	-	2 0 0
	To ditto ditto from martial law ditto, six ditto	-	-	-	2 0 0
	To ditto collecting constables to be taken into custody, three ditto	-	-	-	1 0 0
	To ditto order for publication of ditto, three ditto	-	-	-	1 0 0
	To ditto carpenters estimate of platforms for Kingston barracks	-	-	-	1 10 0
	To ditto militia promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-	3 10 0
6.	To printing twenty quires hospital daily tables, for regulation and distribution of diet, at 30 <i>s.</i> per quire	-	-	-	30 0 0
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								<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
24.	To two copies laws of Jamaica, 2 vols. 4to. furnished a new member of the house, according to law, at 8/.	5s.	-	-	-	-	-	16	10	0
	To two ditto of the abridgment ditto, furnished ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	0
	To two ditto laws 33d, 34th, 35th, and 36th <i>Geo.</i> III. two at 20s. one at 60s. and one at 55s.	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	10	0
	To eighty ditto of the rum law, furnished the different clerks of the peace and vestry, by order of the house, at 5s.	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	0	0
	To printing on superfine treasury post, two hundred copies of the judges bill, three sheets	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	0	0
<i>Feb.</i> 4.	To advertising stamp act, one month	-	-	-	-	-	-	135	0	0
	To ditto order for publishing ditto, one ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
	To ditto continued militia act, one ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
	To ditto act for relief of jurors and suitors, one ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
	To ditto order for publishing ditto, one ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
9.	To two copies of the laws of Jamaica, 2 vols. 4to. furnished a new member of the house, according to law	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	10	0
	To two ditto abridgment of ditto, furnished ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	0	0
	To two ditto laws 33d, 34th, 35th, and 36th, <i>Geo.</i> III. two at 20s. one at 60s. and one at 55s.	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	10	0
11.	To advertising statement of public works, two weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	0	0
	To ditto erratum in statement of ditto, one ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	0
18.	To ditto ditto, from ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	15	0
25.	To ditto one hundred and twenty-two pioneers wanted, two weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	0
	To ditto meeting of commissioners for the stone bridge, one ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
<i>Mar.</i> 4.	To ditto gunpowder law, one month	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	0	0
	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	0
7.	To printing two quires bonds, granted to the receiver-general by distributors of stamps, conformably to law, one on a sheet superfine demi-royal	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	10	0
11.	To advertising statement of public works for dragoon hospital, one week	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	0
18.	To ditto meeting commissioners under the loan act, two weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	13	4
	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	0
	To ditto statement of public works Apostles-Battery, three ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	0	0
25.	To ditto judges bill, one ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	0	0
	To ditto ninety-eight slaves as pioneers wanted, three ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	0
	To ditto statement of public works Spanish-Town barracks, one ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0
	To ditto ditto of ditto for public offices, one ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	0	0
<i>April</i> 8.	To ditto meeting of commissioners under the loan act, on the 17th instant, two weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	13	4
	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	0
15.	To ditto meeting of commissioners of stone bridge 20th, six weeks	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0
	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	15	0
	To ditto order about propofals for stone bridge, seven ditto	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10	0
25.	To one copy of the laws, 2 vols. and abridgment	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	5	0
29.	To advertising meeting of commissioners under the loan act postponed, one month	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0
	To ditto ditto of ditto for Rio-Cobre bridge	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	0

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22.	To advertising tenders to be received for subsisting his majesty's troops, five weeks	-	-	-
	To ditto meeting of the board of works in Spanish-Town, two ditto	-	-	-
26.	To two copies laws of Jamaica, 37th <i>Geo.</i> III. furnished a new member, according to law	-	-	-
29.	To two ditto ditto, ditto, furnished a ditto, according to law	-	-	-
	To advertising militia promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-
<i>Aug.</i> 1.	To two copies laws of Jamaica, 2 vols. 4 ^{to} . furnished a member of the house, according to law	-	-	-
	To two ditto of the abridgment of ditto. furnished ditto	-	-	-
	To two ditto laws 33d, 34th, 35th, 36th, and 37th, <i>Geo.</i> III. furnished ditto	-	-	-
5.	To advertising resolution of the house, that no private business will be received this session, one week	-	-	-
12.	To ditto militia promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-
	To ditto militia to be reviewed by the commander in chief	-	-	-
19.	To ditto tenders to be received at office of public accounts, for subsisting his majesty's troops, one month	-	-	-
	To ditto postponed, one month	-	-	-
	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-
26.	To ditto statement of repairs at Fort-Augusta to be given in before the first of September, one week	-	-	-
<i>Sept.</i> 2.	To ditto act for enforcing instructions to letters of marque, one month	-	-	-
	To ditto order for publishing ditto, one ditto	-	-	-
	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-
9.	To ditto statement of repairs at Fort-Augusta to be given in, one week	-	-	-
	To ditto general orders, five ditto	-	-	-
	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-
16.	To ditto contract to be postponed, one month	-	-	-
	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-
23.	To ditto ditto, from ditto	-	-	-
30.	To ditto statement of public works, two weeks	-	-	-
	To ditto execution act, one month	-	-	-
<i>Oct.</i> 7.	To ditto promotions, from governor's office	-	-	-
14.	To ditto ditto, from ditto	-	-	-
28.	To ditto ditto, from ditto	-	-	-
31.	To two copies laws, 37th <i>Geo.</i> III. for the use of the house	-	-	-
	To printing the votes of an extra session in July	-	-	-
	To amount of account against the receiver-general's office	-	-	-
		2935	8	6

JAMAICA, //

Alexander Aikman being duly sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just; that the charges are usual and customary; and that no part thereof is paid, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

A. AIKMAN.

Sworn before me, this 30th November, 1797.

JAMES LEWIS.

THE

and articles supplied, by Wiltshire estate, for the use of the public of Jamaica, by order of the commissioners for the parish of St. James, amounting to fifty-six pounds two shillings and one penny.

JAMES MONROE.

Sworn before me, this 4th day of February, 1706.

JOHN INGRAM.

No. XLIX.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To captain JAMES DISMORE PINNOCK,

Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

Dec. 31. To pay as captain of Fort-Lindsay, from the 31st December last to the annexed

date, at 6s. 8d. per day

121 13 4

To one year's lodging-money, during said period

50 0 0

171 13 4

I, James Dismore Pinnock, do swear, that what is stated in this account is true.—*So help me God.*

J. D. PINNOCK.

Sworn before me, this 30th day of November, 1796.

G. CUTHBERT.

No. L.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To WILLIAM M'ROBBIE,

Dr.

1797.

To hire of the following negroes attending his majesty's 5th Irish brigade, as pioneers; viz.

Quashie, from 30th September to 22d November, is 54 days

Toby, from ditto to 25th ditto, is 57 ditto

Ned, from ditto to ditto ditto, is 57 ditto

Jacob, from ditto to 24th December, is 86 ditto

John, from ditto to ditto, is 86 ditto

Tom Jones, from ditto to ditto, is 86 ditto

Dick, from ditto to ditto, is 86 ditto

Davie, from ditto to ditto, is 86 ditto

Joe, from ditto to ditto, is 86 ditto

Milford, from ditto to ditto, is 86 ditto—770 days, at 3s. 4d.

l. s. d.

128 6 8

We do certify the above to be just and true.

WILLIAM PIKE, quartermaster 5th Irish brigade.

DANIEL ORCHARD, acting adjutant 5th Irish brigade.

This statement is correctly stated.

EDW. STACK, lieutenant-colonel commanding.

JAMAICA, ss.

Personally appeared before me, William M'Robbie, and made oath, that the above account is just, so the best of his knowledge and belief.

WM. M'ROBBIE.

Sworn before me, this 17th day of November, 1797.

ADAM DOLMAGE.

To amount of account on the other side	-	-	-	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
				128	6	8
Deduct the amount of an account passed by the committee of accounts, on the day of						
November, 1797, being part of this account	-	-	-	119	0	0
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Balance	-			9	6	8
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WM. M'ROBBIE.

No. LI.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To SIMON ADOLPHUS,

Dr.

1797.

l. *s.* *d.*

Sept. 24. To keeping the speaker's coach in repair, from the 24th December, 1796, to this day, at 30*l.* per annum, as per agreement with the honourable William Blake, esquire, deceased

22 10 0

I, Simon Adolphus, do swear, that the above account is just and true.

SIMON ADOLPHUS.

Sworn before me, this 29th November, 1797.

J. M. DWYER.

No. LII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA, for use of 20th and 17th light dragoons, on service,

To JOHN BENZIE,

Dr.

1795.

l. *s.* *d.*

Aug. 7.	To two gallons rum, 13 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> —one pint brandy, 3 <i>s.</i> 9 <i>d.</i>	-	-	0	17	1
	To four bottles mixed porter, 10 <i>s.</i> —two large bowls fangaree, 15 <i>s.</i>	-	-	1	5	0
	To dinner and liquor for thirteen men, at 3 <i>s.</i> 9 <i>d.</i>	-	-	2	8	9
	To one bottle wine, 7 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> —two ditto porter, 5 <i>s.</i> —for sick men	-	-	0	12	6
	To candles for ditto, 2 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> —breakfast for three, 5 <i>s.</i>	-	-	0	7	6
8.	To dinner and liquor for four, 15 <i>s.</i> —supper for ditto, 6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i>	-	-	1	1	8
	To one quart rum, 1 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> —one bottle wine, 7 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> —for the sick	-	-	0	9	2
9.	To breakfast for four, 6 <i>s.</i> 8 <i>d.</i> —dinner and liquor for ditto, 15 <i>s.</i>	-	-	1	1	8
	To one pint rum, 10 <i>d.</i> —one bottle wine, for sick, 7 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i>	-	-	0	8	4
26.	To two bottles porter, 5 <i>s.</i> —brandy and water, 3 <i>s.</i> 4 <i>d.</i> —and grags, 7½ <i>d.</i> for lieutenant Simpson returning	-	-	0	8	11½
	To twenty-five feet boards, for a coffin	-	-	0	10	0
	To nine days and nights grags for a horse, left by lieutenant Simpson, account attested	-	-	1	2	6
27.	To amount cornet Butter's attested account	-	-	0	11	8
Sept. 11.	To ditto quartermaster Card's ditto	-	-	2	13	1½
23.	To ditto cornet Rennalls's ditto	-	-	0	17	1
Oct. 18.	To ditto quartermaster Gardner's ditto	-	-	0	9	2
	To attendance and washing for the sick men	-	-	2	15	0
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				17	18	6

JAMAICA, ff.—Trelawny.

Personally came and appeared before me, John Benzie, of the parish aforesaid, who being duly sworn,

sworn, maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, and that no part thereof has been received by him, or any person on his behalf; and that the reason of its not being laid before the honourable house of assembly last year, has been owing to some delay in John Hodges, esquire, to whom it was given to be presented.—*So help me God.*

JOHN BENZIE.

Sworn before me, this 30th day of October, 1797.

URQUHART GILLESPIE.

By desire of George Atkinson, esquire, in consideration of the above charge of two pounds and fifteen shillings incurred for hire of a negro woman, for her attendance, washing, &c. on three dragoons, left at Duncan's tavern, sick, on their march from Kingston to Montego-Bay, and for further attendance in preparing necessaries for the burial of a dragoon, who dropped from his horse dead in presence of colonel Sanford, Mr. Atkinson requested that I would attest this charge, and he would see it paid to John Benzie.

JOSEPH HARDY.

No. LIII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To DONALD CAMPBELL,

Dr.

l. s. d.

No. 1.	To pay as captain of Fort-Montego, from the 1st December, 1796, to the 1st December, 1797, at 6s. 8d. per day	-	-	-	121	13	4
No. 2.	To so much allowed the detachment of the royal artillery, for airing powder, and taking care of the magazine, and issuing and receiving of public powder, from the 1st December, 1796, to the 1st December, 1797	-	-	-	50	0	0
No. 3.	To hire of four pioneers, attending the detachment of the 17th light dragoons, from the 1st December, 1796, to the 1st March, 1797, at the rate of 1s. 10½d. per day, is three months	-	-	-	33	15	0
No. 4.	To hire of the same number of negroes, from the 1st day of March, 1797, to the 1st December, at the rate of 20l. per ann. each, agreeably to the advertisement of the board of works	-	-	-	60	0	0
No. 5.	To fundries supplied the black shot, as per annexed account	-	-	-	8	18	4
No. 6.	To amount of John Verling's account, for junk	-	-	-	8	14	0
No. 7.	To so much to George Kerr, for 250 feet of boards, to board up the artillery barracks, at 18l. per M.	-	-	-	4	10	0
No. 8.	To hire of a pioneer, to cook for the detachment of royal artillery, from 1st December, 1796, to 1st December, 1797	-	-	-	20	0	0
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					307	10	8

To care of arms and field artillery, from the 1st of August, 1795, to this date, and attendance to deliver the same, when wanted, to regulars and militia

JAMAICA, ff.

Donald Campbell, of the parish of St. James, esquire, being duly sworn, deposeth, and faith, that the above account is just and true, in each and every particular: That, for the charges numbered 3, 4, 5, and 6, he hath hereto annexed vouchers, in proof thereof: That No. 1. is his usual pay, as captain of Fort-Montego, for the time above charged: That the charges No. 2. and 7, he hath actually advanced and paid, or is engaged and liable to pay; and that he hath hired the pioneer, as in No. 8, for all the time therein stated: And lastly, deponent faith, the sum of three hundred and seven pounds ten shillings and eight pence, is justly due and owing to him, on said account.

DONALD CAMPBELL.

Sworn before me, this 29th day of November, 1797.

F. SMITH.

No.

No. 3.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To DONALD CAMPBELL, Dr.

To hire of four negroes acting as pioneers to a detachment of his majesty's 17th dragoons, from 27th November, 1796, to 28th February, 1797, at 1s. 10½d. per day - - - 49

I certify, that the above negroes were actually employed, as set forth, and that such negroes could not be procured at less *per* day.

WM. RICHARDS, captain 17th light dragoons.

No. 4.

Lucea, Nov. 15th, 1797.

I hereby certify, that four negroes, named as follows; viz. Robin, Sam, Eve, and Bella, have acted as pioneers and nurses to the detachment under my command, since the 8th of May last, at which period they were turned over from the 17th light dragoons.

J. KENT, *captain 13th light dragons.*

No. 5.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To DONALD CAMPBELL, Dr.
l. s. d.

To sundries supplied the black shot as follows:

To forty-eight yards Oznaburghs, at 1s. 8d. - - - - 4 0 0

To twelve yards of blue baize, at 3s. 4d.	-	-	-	-	4	0	0
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To four hats, at 3s. 9d.	-	-	-	-	-	0 15
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To paid for making eight frocks, at 1s. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	-	-	-	-	0	15	0
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To paid for making eight pair trowsers, at 1s. 10½d.	-	-	0 15 0
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To paid for making four blue jackets, at 3s. 4d.	0	13	4
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I, Donald Campbell, do swear, that the above clothing was given to the black shot.

DON. CAMPBELL.

Sworn-before me, this 29th November, 1797.

F. SMITH.

No. 6.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN VERLING, Dr.

1797.

Sept. 27.	To 870 lbs. of junk, for the use of the forts at Montego-Bay, at 20s.	-	8	14
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I do swear, that the above junk has been delivered to sergeant Armstrong, and that no part has been paid.

JOHN VERLING.

Sworn before me, this 22d November, 1797.

CHARLES EVANS.

No. LIV.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To surgeon JAMES DRUMMOND, Dr.

For medicines supplied the detachment of royal artillery, stationed at Montego-Bay, from the 27th of September, 1796, to the 13th of November, 1797, particulars specified on

	l.	s.	d.
two long folio pages, amounting to	65	7	6

I do hereby certify, that doctor James Drummond has carefully and diligently attended the detachment of royal artillery, stationed at Fort-Montego, and administered medicines to the sick, and given them every necessary assistance their various cases required; and I believe the above account is just and true.

DON CAMPBELL, *captain of Fort-Montego.*JAMAICA. *ss.—* James.

Personally appeared before me, doctor James Drummond, of the parish aforesaid, and being duly sworn, deposes and says, that the above account is just and true, amounting to sixty five pounds seven shillings and six pence, and the several charges therein are usual and reasonable.

JAMES DRUMMOND.

Sworn before me, this 21st November, 1797.

SAMUEL VAUGHAN *junior.*

No. LV.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN NEWLAND, Dr.

For supplying his majesty's troops at Fort-Charles, with 3751 puncheons fresh water, of 100 gallons each, from the 30th day of November, 1796, until the 30th of November, 1797, at 20d per puncheon

	l.	s.	d.
1797, at 20d per puncheon	312	11	8
To the hire of a market-boat, and negroes, from the above dates, is 365 days, at 20s. per day	365	0	0

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I certify, that John Newland has supplied his majesty's troops, with 3751 puncheons of good water, from the above dates, of 100 gallons each, and the market-boat.

JOHN RAMSEY, *captain Fort-Charles.*

Personally appeared before me, John Newland, and made oath, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

J. NEWLAND.

Sworn before me, this 30th November, 1797.

ANDREW DEANS.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN NEWLAND, Dr.

For supplying his majesty's troops at Fort-Augusta, with 3488 puncheons water, of 100 gallons each, from the 30th day of November, 1796, until the 30th day of November, 1797, at 20d per puncheon

	l.	s.	d.
1797, at 20d per puncheon	290	13	4
To the hire of a boat, and negroes, from the above dates, is 365 days, at 20s.	365	0	0
To the hire of a boat, from the 30th of November, 1796, until the 23d of July, 1797, is 225 days, at 20s.	225	0	0

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N. B. This boat was lost in the blowing night.

I certify, that John Newland has supplied his majesty's troops at Fort-Augusta, with 3485 puncheons of good water, from the above dates, also, with the boats.

CLOT. DOB. IN. *captain Fort-Augusta.*

Personally appeared before me, John Newland, and made oath, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

J. NEWLAND.

Sworn before me, this 30th November, 1797.

ANDREW DEANS.

I do certify, that John Newland has supplied his majesty's troops at Fort Augusta, with three thousand four hundred and eighty-eight puncheons of fresh water, of one hundred gallons, since the 30th of November, 1796, until 30th November, 1797.

WM. FENWICK, *gunner Fort-Augusta.*

N^o. LVI.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To HUGH FRASER, D. M.

Dr.

For cash advanced for the maintenance of prisoners confined in Kingston gaol, for debt, from the 1st December, 1796, to the 30th November, 1797, both days included:

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Solomon Gabay, from the 1st December, 1796, to the 4th January, 1797. is 35 days, at 1s 2d per day	-	-	-
Dugald Clarke, from ditto to the 30th November, 1797, is 365 ditto at ditto	-	22	16 3
Jacob Da Costa, from ditto to ditto. is 365 ditto at ditto	-	22	16 3
Mary Murray, from ditto to the 2d May, is 153 ditto at ditto	-	9	11 3
William Fatterson, from ditto to the 4th January, is 35 ditto at ditto	-	2	3 9
Raphael Flores, from ditto to the 26th ditto, is 57 ditto at ditto	-	3	11 3
Mary Cargill, from ditto to the 2d May, is 153 ditto at ditto	-	9	11 3
Susanna Scott, from ditto to ditto. is 153 ditto at ditto	-	9	11 3
James Cree, from 15th ditto to the 11th January, is 30 ditto at ditto	-	1	17 6
Manuel de Pastoriza, from ditto to the 17th ditto, is 36 ditto at ditto	-	2	5 0
Joseph Wright Lodge, from 16th ditto to the 13th ditto, is 29 ditto at ditto	-	1	16 3
John Tatton, from 12th January, 1797, to the 2d May, is 111 ditto at ditto	-	6	18 9
John Walker senior, from 21st ditto to ditto, is 102 ditto at ditto	-	6	7 6
Charles Smart, from 28th ditto to ditto, is 95 ditto at ditto	-	5	18 9
Grace Davis, from 20th April to the 14th September, is 148 ditto at ditto	-	9	5 0
David Burke, from 1st June to the 12th July, is 42 ditto at ditto	-	2	12 6
George Vaughan, from 16th May to the 4th September, is 112 ditto at ditto	-	7	0 0
Duncan Henderson, from 11th July to the 6th ditto, is 58 ditto at ditto	-	3	12 6
Fernandes Rodrigues, from 17th ditto to the 11th ditto, is 57 ditto at ditto	-	3	11 3
Daniel Wilkinson, from ditto to the 3th November, is 137 ditto at ditto	-	8	11 3
Mary Love, from 1st September to the 2th October, is 50 ditto at ditto	-	3	10 0
Simon Donnell, from 16th November to the 30th November, is 15 ditto at ditto	-	0	18 9
Edward Elechvenden, committed to gaol on the militia act, the 18th September last, and discharged the 2d November. commitment and releasement	-	0	5 0
For amount of Peter Tassie, a blacksmith's account, for mending and supplying irons for Kingston gaol, in order to secure brigand negroes	-	38	3 2
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The above is a true and just account, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. FRASER.

Sworn before me, this 30th day of November, 1797.

W. M. CRUICKSHANK.

No. LVII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To the SECRETARY of the ISLAND,

Dr.

1797.	l.	s.	d.
To two copies of the British loan law, delivered Mr. Smith, clerk to the commissioners of correspondence, to be transmitted to the agent	2	0	0
To two copies of the indentment, "the king vs. Quaco & al" for the like purpose	1	5	0
To a copy of the rum law sent Mr. Aikman, to be published in the Royal Gazette, by order of the honourable house of assembly	1	0	0
To copies of the following laws, sent the several printers of the Royal Gazette, St. Jago Gazette, and Cornwall Chronicle, agreeably to an order of the house; viz.			
The stamp law, three at 20s. each	3	0	0
Gunpowder ditto, three at ditto	3	0	0
Continued militia ditto, three at ditto	3	0	0
Continued court ditto, three at ditto	3	0	0
To one copy of the poll-tax law, sent the printer	1	0	0
Examining and attesting 427 copies of ditto, at 2s. 6d.	53	7	6
To one copy of the deficiency law, sent ditto	1	0	0
Examining and attesting 427 copies of ditto, at 2s. 6d.	53	7	6
To one copy of the stamp law, sent ditto	1	0	0
Examining and attesting 427 copies of ditto, at 2s. 6d.	53	7	6
To one copy of the rum law, sent ditto	1	0	0
Examining and attesting 427 copies of ditto, at 2s. 6d.	53	7	6
To one copy of the public taxes law, sent ditto	1	0	0
Examining and attesting 427 copies of ditto, at 2s. 6d.	53	7	6
To one copy of the gunpowder law, sent ditto	1	0	0
Examining and attesting 427 copies of ditto, at 2s. 6d.	53	7	6
To one copy of the land tax law, sent the printer	1	0	0
Examining and attesting 427 copies of ditto, at 2s. 6d.	53	7	6
To one copy of the rules and articles of war, sent ditto	1	0	0
Examining and attesting 346 copies of ditto, at 2s. 6d.	43	5	0
To one copy of the additional duty law, sent ditto	1	0	0
Examining and attesting 31 copies of ditto, at 2s. 6d.	3	17	6
To one copy of the British loan law, sent ditto	1	0	0
Examining and attesting 126 copies of ditto, at 2s. 6d.	15	15	0
To recording the following laws; viz. Deficiency—Rum—Additional duty—Government pen and mountain sale—Commissioners for forts and fortifications—Rules and articles of war—Tonnage—Embargo—Commissioners of public accounts—Masters in chancery fee—Poll-tax—Stamp—Land-tax—British loan—Amended commissioners loan—Collection of public taxes—Board of works—Gunpowder—Continued militia—Amended government penn and mountain sale—Continued court—21, at 20s. each	21	0	0
To copies of twenty-one public acts sent to Great Britain, under the island seal, for his majesty's approbation, including marginal notes, paper, wax, and a box	25	15	0
To the duplicates of ditto	25	15	0
To copies of the following laws furnished Mr. Aikman, for the continuation of the laws			

published

published under the authority of an act for that purpose; viz. Government pen and mountain sale—Commissioners for forts and fortifications—Tonnage—Embargo—Commissioners of public accounts—Masters in chancery fee—Savanna-la-Mar transient traders—James's privilege—Amended commissioners loan—Board of works—Continued militia—Amended government pen and mountain sale—Continued court—Mayday-Hill road—Garrick's manumission—Cornwall's ditto—Process, and enforcing, passed 4th August, 1797—18, at 20s. each

To recording the following laws, passed 4th August, 1797: Process and enforcing	-	-	-	18	0	0
To a copy of the enforcing law, furnished the several printers of the Royal Gazette, St. Jago Gazette, and Cornwall Chronicle, per order of the house, 20s. each	-	-	-	3	0	0
To Edward Lewis's account, annexed, for bookbinder's work performed for the secretary's office	-	-	-	5	10	0
				563	15	0

Memorandum.—This 30th day of November, 1797, personally appeared before me, William Jones, one of the clerks to the secretary of this island, and made oath, that the foregoing account is just and true, and that the several articles therein contained are charged at the legal or allowed rates, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

WM. JONES.

Sworn before me, this 30th day of November, 1797.

ALEX. MACLEOD.

THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

	To EDWARD LEWIS,	Dr.
1797.		l. s. d.
Feb. 23. To re-binding deed book, No. 366	-	2 12 6
July 4. To a basil cover to fore alphabet, No. 9	-	0 12 6
Aug. To re-binding will book, No. 53	-	1 15 0
To a slip cover to ditto	-	0 10 0
		5 10 0

Received payment of the above, for Edward Lewis,

GEORGE EBERALL.

No. LVIII.

(No. 1.)

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

	To ROBERT THOMSON,	Dr.
1797.		l. s.
Nov. 4. To the hire of wains, to carry down the baggage of the 83d regiment, from the brick-kilns to the ordnance wharf, four turns, at 25s. per turn	-	5 0
To the hire of carts, for same purpose, ten loads, to the same wharf, at 12s. 6d. per load	-	6 5
To two days hire of a large flat, to carry the above stores, belonging to the 83d regiment, from the wharf to Port Royal	-	6 0
To the rent of a store, for keeping the baggage of the above regiment, from 21st August to 5th November, is two months and fifteen days, at 30l. per annum	-	6 5
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JAMAICA,

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROBERT THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 27th day of November, 1797.

JAMES WALKER.

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Eli Wickersham, of the parish of Kingston, gentleman, and maketh oath, and faith, the above wainage and cartage was done, according to the order hereunto annexed, and that the said William Russell agreed for the above flat, and she performed the above cartage, and that he was present when Mr. William Russell rented the above store, but does not know any agreement being made for rent or time, but believes it to be reasonable at thirty pounds a-year.

ELI WICKERSHAM.

Sworn before me, this 27th day of November, 1797.

JAMES WALKER.

SIR,

King ten barracks, Oct. 23.

Please send to the barracks, a cart, as soon as possible, to carry some baggage belonging to the 83d regiment, down to the wharf, for which I will give you a receipt.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

WM. RUSSELL, quartermaster 83d regiment.

Mr. Thomson.

No. 2.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

1797.

l. s. d.

Nov. 6.	To the hire of wains, to carry the baggage of the 13th light horse, from the barracks to Hugh Bogle and Atkinson's wharf, ten turns, at 25s. per turn	12	10	0
	To the hire of carts, to carry the baggage of the 13th light horse, from the barracks to Hugh Bogle and Atkinson's wharf, four turns, at 12s. 6d. per turn	2	10	0
	To water regularly supplied the 13th light horse, from the 31st day of March to this day inclusive, is thirty-one weeks and four days, at 12s. 6d. per week	19	14	8
7.	To the hire of one wain, to carry down the convalescents and baggage of the 13th light horse, from the barracks to Hugh Bogle and Atkinson's wharf, which made one turn	1	5	0
	To the hire of four carts, to carry down the convalescents and baggage of the 13th light horse, from the barracks to Hugh Bogle and Atkinson's wharf, which made one turn each, at 12s. 6d. per turn	2	10	0
	To the hire of one cart, to carry down the convalescents and baggage of the 13th light horse, from the barracks to Hugh Bogle and Atkinson's wharf, which made two turns, at 12s. 6d. per turn	1	5	0
		39	14	8

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROB. THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 27th day of November, 1797.

JAMES WALKER.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 20, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, two wains and one cart, to carry up stores for the 60th regiment, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks; and that they went accordingly.

D. WALKER, captain commanding detachment 60th regiment 4th battalion.
B. RAWDON, quartermaster 60th regiment.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 25, 1797.

This is to certify, that I have received from Mr. Robert Thomson, one wain, to carry stores for the 60th regiment, from here to Stoney-Hill barracks; and that it went accordingly.

D. WALKER, captain commanding detachment 60th regiment 4th battalion.
B. RAWDON, quartermaster 60th regiment.

No. 4.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,

To ROBERT THOMSON,

Dr.

1797.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Nov. 18. To water regularly supplied the 60th regiment, from the 21st August to this day, is thirteen weeks, both days inclusive, at 12s. 6d. per week	-	8	2 6
To four chords wood, supplied the above regiment, at 32s. 6d. per-chord	-	6	10 0
To thirty bundles wood, supplied ditto, at 10d. per bundle	-	1	5 0
To the hire of carts, to bring said wood from the wherry-wharf to the barracks, which made ten turns, at 12s. 6d. per turn	-	5	5 0
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JAMAICA, *ss.*

Personall appeared before me, Robert Thomson, of the parish of Kingston, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above account is just and true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ROB. THOMSON.

Sworn before me, this 27th day of November, 1797.

JAMES WALKER.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 18, 1797.

This is to certify, that the 60th regiment stationed at the barracks here, has been regularly supplied by Robert Thomson, with water, from 21st August to this day, inclusive.

D. WALKER, captain commanding detachment 60th regiment 4th battalion.
B. RAWDON, quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 18, 1797.

This is to certify, that the 60th regiment, stationed at the barracks here, has been supplied by Mr. Robert Thomson, with four chords and thirty bundles of wood, and also ten turns of carts to bring said wood from the wherry-wharf to the barracks; and that they did it accordingly.

D. WALKER, captain commanding detachment 60th regiment 4th battalion.
B. RAWDON, quartermaster 4th battalion 60th regiment.

No. LIX.

PARISH OF WESTMORLAND, for the 13th regiment of dragoons,

To LAYTON SMITH,

Dr.

1797.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
Nov. 27. To one hundred and seventy-seven chords of fire-wood, furnished the 13th regiment light dragoons, at Westmorland barracks, at 15s. per chord, from the 28th day of December, 1796, to this day	-	132 15
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	Cr.	l.	s.
By cash received, <i>per</i> order of the vestry of this parish	-	78	15
Balance due L. S.	-	54	0
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I, Layton Smith, do swear, that the above account is just and true, and that the fire-wood has been regularly delivered, for the use of the 13th regiment of dragoons, quartered at Savanna-la-Mar barracks.—*So help me God.*

LAYTON SMITH.

Sworn before me, this 28th November, 1797.

JN. LEWIS.

No. LX.

A.

JAMAICA, //

I, the undersigned William Melvin, of the town of Montego-Bay, carpenter and joiner, do certify, that I was appointed, by the commissioners for building barracks at the said town, to make and put up jealousies to a very considerable amount, for the windows, and closing in the balconies of the said barracks; and having observed, on inspecting the said jealousies, that they were renting, from the want of priming and painting, I thought it my duty to the public, from whom I had received considerable sums for work, to inform Mr. Winn, the only commissioner for said barracks then present, that the said jealousies would very soon be spoiled, if they were not primed and painted; whereupon he directed James Thompson, painter, of Montego-Bay, to prime and paint them forthwith; which was done, and thereby the said jealousies preserved, which otherwise would have been ruined.

Given under my hand, at Montego-Bay, this 28th day of November, 1797.

WILLIAM MELVIN.

B.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JAMES THOMPSON, Dr.

1795.

Dec. 21. For painting the jealousies, and the boarding of the piazza's round the barracks, of the parish of St. James, by order of I. L. Winn, one of the commissioners

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JAMAICA, //

James Thompson, painter, being duly sworn, deposes, and saith, that the above account of work was duly executed by him, by order of I. L. Winn, esquire, one of the commissioners.

JAMES THOMPSON.

Sworn before me, this 15th November, 1796.

JOHN INGRAM.

No. LXI.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JEREMIAH BLACK, Dr.

1795.

Aug. 24. To making sixteen round jackets, with thread fringes, and buttons, at 10s. 8 0
 To making sixteen pair trowsers, with thread fringes, and buttons, at 5s. 4 0
 To making eleven jackets, with furnishing, at 10s. 5 10
 To making twenty pair trowsers, with furnishing, at 5s. 5 0

To

	To making twenty-two jackets, with furnishing, at 10s.	-	-	4	5
	To making sixteen pair of trowsers, with furnishing, at 5s.	-	-	11	0
Sept. 6.	To making eleven jackets, with thread facing and buttons	-	-	4	0
	To making eleven pair trowsers, with thread facings, and buttons, complete, at 5s.	-	-	5	10
				2	5
				45	5

JAMAICA, ff.

I do swear, the above charges are all just, and no part of this account hath been received by me, or any person for me.—*So help me God.*

JEREMIAH BLACK.

Sworn before me, this 21st November, 1797.

THOMAS JOS. GRAY.

I do hereby certify, that the within work was performed by Jeremiah Black, for the use of the confidential slaves, employed in the public service, during martial law, the same being ordered by

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, major of the St. James's regiment militia.

November 21st, 1797.

No. LXII.

No. 1.

Return of a negro woman, named Caithness, attached to the hospital of the 83d regiment, as cook and nurse.

	From March 18th to June 1 st , 1796, at 2s. 6d. per day, being 75 days	-	1	s.	d.
			9	7	6

JAMAICA, ff.

I do swear, that the above negro woman, named Caithness, did serve the time herein specified, as nurse and cook to the 83d hospital, at Montego-Bay, being the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Buenanen, and hired by me.

ALEX. WATT, *island assistant surgeon to the forces.*

Sworn before me, this 1st day of September, 1796.

S. B. BOWEN.

THOMAS GIBSON, lieutenant-colonel 83d regiment.

No. 2.

Return of a pioneer negro man, named Johnie, attached to the hospital of the 83d regiment.

	From March 18th to June 1 st , 1796, at 3s. 4d. per day, being 75 days	-	-	1	s.
				12	10

JAMAICA, ff.

I do swear, that the negro above-named, belonging to me, did serve the time above specified, in the 83d hospital, at Montego-Bay.

ALEX. WATT, *island assistant surgeon to the forces.*

Sworn before me, this 1st day of September, 1796.

S. B. BOWEN.

THOMAS GIBSON, lieutenant-colonel 83d regiment.

No. 3.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

1797.

To ALEXANDER WATT, Dr.

May 15.	To hire of a negro man, named Johnie, as a pioneer to a detachment of the 83d regiment, stationed at Montego-Bay, from the 11th April to this date, inclusive,	1	s.	d.
	at 3s. 4d. per day	-	-	5
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JAMAICA,

JAMAICA, *ff.*

I do swear, that the above negro, named Johnie, belonging to doctor Alexander Watt, has attended the hospital of the 83d regiment, in quality of a pioneer, all the time stated in the above account.

NICH. SMITH, corporal 83d hospital.

Sworn before me, this 25th May, 1797.

J. CUNNINGHAM.

SKEFF. HAMILTON, captain 83d regiment.

No. 4.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To ALEXANDER WATT, Dr.

1797.

April 11. To the hire of a negro man, named Johnie, from the 11th January last, being 91 days, at 3s. 4d. per day - - -

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JAMAICA, *ff.*

I do swear, that the above negro, belonging to doctor Alexander Watt, has attended the hospital of the 83d regiment, during the time stated in the above account, as an orderly man.

NICH. SMITH, corporal 83d hospital.

Sworn before me, this 11th day of April, 1797.

MACLAURIN GILLIES.

GEO. RICHARDSON, lieut. 83d reg. com.

April 20, 1797.

No. LXIII.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To BENJAMIN TENISON, Dr.

1797.

Nov. 16. To supplying a detachment of the 13th light dragoons, in his majesty's service, under the command of captain John Kent, quartered at Lucea barracks, from the 9th of May, 1797, to the above date, inclusive, with water, at 13s. 4d. per day, as per agreement, 192 days - - -

l. s. d.

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JAMAICA, *ff.—Hanover.*

I do hereby certify, that I did employ the before-mentioned Benjamin Tenison, to supply the detachment above-mentioned, of the 13th light dragoons, quartered at Lucea barracks, under my command, with water, and at the rate of 13s. 4d. per day, and that the said Benjamin Tenison did perform the same, agreeably to contract.

J. KENT, captain 13th light dragoons.

JAMAICA, *ff.—Hanover.*

I do swear, that the above-mentioned detachment of the 13th light dragoons, quartered at Lucea barracks under the command of captain John Kent, was supplied with water, from the 9th of May, 1797, to the 6th of November, 1797, inclusive, and at the rate of 13s. 4d. per day, as per agreement with captain John Kent.

BENJ. TENISON.

Sworn before me, this 18th day of November, 1797.

PAT. SPENCE.

No. LXIV.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GEORGE FLETCHER COWARD, D. M. for the parish of Trelawny, Dr.

For the maintenance and support of the under-mentioned prisoners, and disbursements on their way to Savanna-la-Mar:

1796.		l.	s.	d.
Oct. 8.	To maintenance of Nicholas Trusty Blake John Henderson, and Pascal Myers, insolvent debtors, from this date to the 27th November, at 1s. 3d. each per day	10	10	0
Jan. 29.	To maintenance of James Cullin, imprisoned for debt, from this day to the 14th July following, when he took the benefit, at 1s. 3d.	10	8	9
	To maintenance of Patrick Cheyne, imprisoned for debt, from this date to the 14th July, when he took the benefit, at 1s. 3d.	10	8	9
Feb. 5.	To maintenance of six foreigners, committed under the governor's proclamation, from this day to the 7th of April, when they were discharged, at 1s. 8d. each per day	31	0	0
	Commitment and releasement 5s. each	1	10	0
April 16.	To maintenance of William Winton, imprisoned for debt, from this date to the 16th July, at 1s. 3d. per day	5	15	0
May 19.	To maintenance of James Woodburn, committed as king's evidence against Hiram Thomas, 5s. five days	1	5	0
	To maintenance of Hiram Thomas, from this day to the 13th July, when he was sent to Savanna la-Mar, at 1s. 3d.	3	10	0
Sept. 11.	To further maintenance of ditto, being re-committed, from this date to the 12th October, when he was put on board the Jamaica, by order of the cultos, at 1s. 3d.	1	7	6
Aug. 16.	To maintenance of John Marshall, imprisoned for debt, from this date to the 30th November, at 1s. 3d.	7	6	3
29.	To maintenance of Geo. A. Parker, imprisoned for debt, from date to 30th November, at 1s. 3d.	2	17	6
	To horse-hire at different times, and maintenance, conveying the above prisoners from Trelawny to Savanna-la-Mar, they being unable to furnish themselves	18	2	6
		101	1	3

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To GEORGE FLETCHER COWARD, D. M. for the parish of St. James, Dr.

For the maintenance and support of the under-mentioned prisoners, and disbursements on their way to Savanna la-Mar:

1796.		l.	s.	d.
Oct. 25.	To maintenance of Hugh James Patterson, committed for petty larceny, from date to the 4th November following, at 1s. 3d. per day	0	12	6
1797.	To commitment and releasement	0	5	0
May 25	To ditto of James Clapperison, imprisoned for debt, from date to the 30th of November, at 1s. 3d.	11	11	3
Feb. 15.	To horse-hire and expences of James Whitney and John Taylor, my deputies, in search of Martin Sewell, on a warrant-backed by the honourable George Murray, esquire	5	6	3
Mar. 28.	To maintenance of seven foreigners, committed under the governor's proclamation, from date to the 1st June following, at 1s. 3d.	42	0	0
	To commitments and releasements, 5s. each	1	15	0

Sept.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
<i>Sept.</i> 2. To ditto of James Maggit, for an assault, from 2d to the 26th September, and re-committed from 31st October to the 30th November. at 1s 3d per day	3	10	0
<i>Oct.</i> 7. To ditto of Henry Lorrel, imprisoned for debt, from date to the 30th November, at 1s. 3d. and an extra allowance, being sick, 1s.	2	11	3
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	67	11	3

No. LXV.

THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To JOHN PINDAR,

Dr.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1795.			
To grafs supplied 20th dragoons, from 10th October to 18th December, per account attested	51	3	9
To grafs supplied 13th dragoons, at different times, per attested accounts. 8l. 16s. 3d and 26l. 18s. 9d.	35	15	0
To grafs sent to the quarters of 20th dragoons, and taken thence to colonel Frazer's, island engineer, by his servants	11	5	0
To hire of seven axe-men, at Vaughansfield, per account attested	8	3	4
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No. LXVI.

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THE PUBLIC OF JAMAICA,

To RICHARD MAIN,

Dr.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1795.			
<i>Aug.</i> 25, 27, 29, and <i>Oct.</i> 1. To 784 lbs. fresh beef supplied the light horse company of St. George's, while on duty. at 10d.	32	13	4
To 518 lbs. fresh beef supplied the light infantry company of said parish, on the same days, at 10d.	21	11	8
To 552 lbs. fresh beef supplied the Orange-Bay company of said parish, on the same days, at 10d.	23	0	0
<i>Aug.</i> 27 and <i>Oct.</i> 1. To 224 lbs. fresh beef supplied the Buff-Bay company of said parish, at 10d.	9	6	8
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	86	1	8

I, Richard Main, do swear, that the above is a just, true, exact, and impartial account, of the quantity and quantities of fresh beef, which was by me supplied to the different companies of militia of the parish of St. George, while doing duty in the said parish.—*So help me God.*

RICHARD MAIN.

Sworn before me, this 26th day of March. 1796.

WILLIAM CUMMING.

I do certify, that the fresh beef supplied the St. George's militia, from the 25th of August to the 29th, as particularly specified in the within account, was at the time when the militia was embodied, and

and keeping guard at different posts, on account of the maroons going into the woods; and that on the 1st of October, was when they ran away from Kingston, and the public safety was in danger.

RUPERT MACKAY, colonel St. George's regiment.
B.

JAMAICA, ff.

I, Richard Main, do swear, upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that no part of the annexed account, marked with the letter A, has ever been paid to me, or to any person or persons for me

RICHARD MAIN.

Sworn before me, the 29th day of November, 1797.

H. RUSSELL.

No. LXVII.

No. 1.

A weekly account of expenditure of the hospital of a detachment of his majesty's 83d regiment, Fort George, Portland, commencing the 12th November, and ending the 9th December, 1796, both days inclusive.

		<i>Daily allowance.</i>			<i>Daily expenditure.</i>		
		<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
From November 12th to November 18th	- -	13	14	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	12	6	9
From ditto 19th to ditto 25th	- -	18	16	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	17	9	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
From ditto 26th to December 2d	- -	18	9	3	17	18	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
From December 3d to ditto 9th	- -	20	13	9	20	1	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
Total amount	- - -	71	14	7	67	16	3 $\frac{3}{4}$

I do hereby certify, that the above articles have been delivered to the sick.

JAMES CHURCH, lieutenant 83d regiment.

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Alexander Clachar, acting island assistant surgeon to his majesty's 83d regiment, and maketh oath, and faith, the within articles have been truly given to the sick, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ALEXANDER CLACHAR.

Sworn before me, this 11th day of December, 1796.

WILLIAM VALENTINE.

A weekly account of expenditure of the sick women of a detachment of his majesty's 83d regiment, Fort-George, Portland, commencing the 14th November, and ending the 1st December, 1796, both days inclusive.

	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
From November 14th to December 1st	-	-	1 9 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

I do hereby certify, that the above articles have been delivered to the sick.

JAMES CHURCH, lieutenant 83d regiment.

JAMAICA, ff.

Personally appeared before me, Alexander Clachar, acting assistant surgeon to his majesty's 83d regiment, and maketh oath, and faith, that the above articles were given to the sick women, as above specified, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

ALEXANDER CLACHAR.

Sworn before me, the 11th day of December, 1796.

WILLIAM VALENTINE.

No. 2.

Return of slaves hired by the honourable major Browne, to act as pioneers to his majesty's 13th light dragoons, consisting of six troops, from 18th December, 1796, to 18th December, 1797.

			<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>
At Savanna-la-Mar, eight, at 2s. 6d. per diem	-	-	365	0
At Black-River, four, at ditto	-	-	182	10
Total amount per annum	-	-	547	10

I certify the above account is just.

JOHN BROWNE, major 13th light dragoons.

No. 3.

Contingent account of his majesty's 63d, or West Suffolk regiment of foot.

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To clothing twenty-one pioneers, at 5l. each	-	-	105

ROB. BRERETON, lieutenant-colonel 63d regiment.

No. LXVIII.

Major F. ELRINGTON,

To JAMES BAKER,

Dr.

1797.

To the hire of a wherry and negroes, employed at Fort-Augusta, as an officer's boat, from 22d day of July to 30th day of November, both days inclusive, being 130 days, at 26s.

8d. Jamaica currency per diem, as per agreement - - - 173 6 8

I certify that the above is a just account

F. ELRINGTON, commanding troops.

JAMAICA, ss.

At a meeting of the honourable commissioners for forts, &c. held at St. Jago de la Vega, on Wednesday the 6th of December, 1797, .

Resolved, That his honour the lieutenant-governor be requested to send the within account to the honourable house of assembly, for payment.

By order of the commissioners,

EDWARD BULLOCK, clk. comm.

A NARRATIVE of the successful manner of CULTIVATING the CLOVE-TREE, in the island of DOMINICA, one of the Windward Charibbee Islands. By William Urban Buée, *esquire*.

“LITTLE entertainment can be expected from this subject, which is dry in its nature, and is conveyed in a language, that is not natural to the author. This narrative becomes interesting, however, as it leads to the cultivation of an object, which has been hitherto unknown, in the British West-Indies; and as it furnishes a hope to the British colonists of being soon able to plant a new branch of trade, the culture of spices, of which the CLOVE makes a principal article; and which will be as advantageous to the planter, as important to the nation.

“For myself, I wish by this attempt to shew, that I have studied to fulfil the duties of a good subject; to be useful to the country, of which I am a denizen; and, particularly, to the community, wherein I live. It is my earnest desire to pay the tribute of gratitude, which I owe to the best of sovereigns, under whose mild government I have lived thirty-four years, protected by the best laws, and the best constitution, that the human understanding has yet produced;—a constitution, which, had it been imitated by my native country, would have preserved my countrymen from that anarchy which has overwhelmed them, and saved them from those deluges of blood, in which they have been so fatally immersed.

“In the study of any subject, the most important, but most difficult, point is to know, how to distinguish what is real from what is conjectural; to discern the properties which belong to it, from those which speculation lends to it; in order to conduct the mind with a degree of certainty to that knowledge, which, being supported by experience, leads to the establishment of truth.

“Following this rule, I shall state, in this narrative, the different remarks, which I have been able to make, on the nature of the clove-tree; and which will shew the close affinity that subsists between the clove tree, a plant of the East-Indies, and the *pimento* tree, a native of the West-Indies. I shall thus endeavour to ascertain, from my own experiments, in Dominica, what soil the clove will best thrive in, and what is, upon the whole, the most congenial to it. I shall then proceed to shew the manner in which I have successfully cultivated this tree to maturity; and from thence deduce the just ground of hope we may entertain, that the clove will soon become a most valuable article of produce in the British West-India Colonies.

“The clove, like the pimento tree, has a thin and smooth bark, of a whitish colour, a trunk, which is composed of an exceeding hard wood, and which, at the height of ten or twelve inches, branches out into several boughs, that are furnished with leaves, placed opposite to each other, and are smooth, narrow, pointed, indented round the edges, and are of a thick consistence; while the leaves of the pimento are broad, and are either blunt or notched at their ends.

“It is to be observed, that in the West-Indies, particularly in Dominica, most lands facing the east are of a yellowish, or redish, stiff, clay; the ridges of the mountains there are mostly of that kind of soil; the whole quarter of Lafoye, which is extensive, is also of the same nature; a soil, which, with few exceptions is most ungrateful, and hardly fit for any cultivation; this quarter, from its sterility, has proved fatal to many adventurers, and has forced the cultivators of more than twenty sugar estates to abandon their property, after the expenditure of immense sums.—This tract of land, from the sea side, and a good way up towards the mountains, is covered with pimento trees, which are found also on the ridges, and on such lands as I have above described. On my own estate, where the land mostly faces the west, and is generally a good soil, though mountainous, there is a hill; one side of which fronts the east; the ground on that side is, as usual, of a deep, yellow, stiff, clay; and though the original trees have been cut down long ago, yet on that part of the hill are growing several pimento trees, with a number of young ones coming on; as you proceed to the westward, the soil alters gradually, and on the west, is found a black mould, three or four feet deep, on a stratum of a gravelly, porous, nature, where not a single pimento tree is to be seen. As my dwelling-house is on the top of that hill, and, of course, the road leading to it is cut round the hill, I could not help observing the different strata of
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the different soils, of which it is composed, and at the same time the different trees it produced, that are so opposite in their natures. Another remarkable instance, that evinces the propensity of the pimento tree to grow in a sterile soil, is, the example of a pimento tree, which I left growing as a curiosity; and which is from thirty to forty feet high, and is exceedingly straight; it stands on the ridge of a rock, which is about twenty feet circumference, and is near eight feet above the surface of the ground, and pointed at the top; on this top stands the body of the tree, from the trunk of which the roots, encompassing the whole circumference of the rock, go down to the earth, whence the tree receives its nutrition.

"It is an observation, in the West-Indies, that upon the breaking up of any new ground, where hard-wood trees are growing, the land is bad; thus, wherever the pimento tree, the bulet tree, the mastic, and the *rose* tree or satin wood, prevail, it is indubitable such ground is of a sterile nature; but, on the contrary, where ever soft, porous trees abound, such soil is generally fruitful; though sometimes a hard-wood tree may be found in a good piece of woody ground; but where the trees in general are, either of a hard, tough nature, or of a porous and soft kind; in the former case, the soil is sterile, and in the latter, it is invariably the reverse. The wood of the clove-tree is of a hard close grain, though not so tough as the pimento. In the Moluccas, where the clove-trees grow, the ground is covered with them, and will not admit the culture of any thing else; the soil is good only for the clove-tree, and sterile for any other plants, whence I conclude, that the clove-tree does not require a fertile soil. However, lest these opinions, concerning the affinity of the two spices, and the consequence deduced from it, of similar soils being suitable to the nature of both, may be considered as rather speculative, I shall, adhering strictly to the rules I have laid down for myself, now call to my assistance, experience, that best teacher, that sure guide, which, by regular steps, hath brought me to the knowledge of truth, and enabled me to determine what soil is best adapted to the valuable spice in question.

"The old French government, who, in this respect, merits praise and imitation, having found the means, by the active address of Mr. Poivre, to obtain from the Molucca and Banda isles, several trees and seeds of cloves and nutmegs, the colonists planted them in the island of Bourbon*; and some of these trees having succeeded, they sent several plants from that island to Cayenne. The nutmeg has not thrived there: For the tree is of two sexes, and the male only, it is said, was sent there. The clove however, succeeded so well, that the planters now gather considerable crops. About the month of July, 1789, a friend of mine sent me, as a present, a clove tree about six inches high, having six or eight leaves, and accompanied with a printed paper respecting the cultivation of it. It was required by my friend's paper, that the tree should be planted in a rich soil, and in a moist and cool situation, and in the shade of some trees round it. It was also observed, by my friend, that the tree would thrive best, if it were planted between four plantain trees. The continent of Cayenne being free from hurricanes, and the island of Dominica being, on the contrary, exposed to them, I thought that the plantain trees were of too tender a nature to afford a sufficient shade; because with the least gust of wind they might fall on the clove tree and destroy it: In consequence, I selected one of the richest spots on my estate, being a rich black soil, where I had sixteen thousand coffee trees growing most luxuriantly; between four of those coffee trees I planted my clove tree with great care; I surrounded it with sticks to prevent it from being tread upon; the coffee trees served as a shade, and my intention was, when the clove tree should extend itself, to lop or cut down the coffee tree nearest to it. Every possible care was taken of this plant, it was kept clean, and every time I went on my estate I visited it; knowing of what consequence it would be to the public in general, and to me in particular, if I could bring this experiment to succeed. It may be easily supposed with what anxiety I viewed the growth of the plant; but, alas! what was my grief when I found the clove tree hardly vegetating, losing its old leaves as new ones sprung at the top; and in the long space of near six months, not gaining an inch in height; disappointed in my hopes, I informed my friend of the little success I had had, and intreated his assistance in procuring other trees, if possible. In the month of December 1789, two more trees were sent to

* See the appendix to the Narrative, No. 2.

me. From my first disappointment, I wished to plant these new trees nearer to my house and in a place that would be convenient for watching and promoting their growth. I must now recall to the mind of the reader the description I gave of the hill on which my dwelling-house is situated, which hill, to the eastward is composed of a stiff, red-clay soil; at the foot of this hill, and on the east side, is situated my garden; to obtain a flat of about one hundred and twenty feet square, one part of that hill has been dug and levelled, which in some parts has made a bank of nearly eleven feet high; the ground was spread over, in order to fill up the inequalities of the surface; it will readily be observed how poor some part of that surface must be, particularly on that side, where eleven feet were cut from the hill. Here, I planted the above-mentioned two trees, but at the same time, took care to place them as far as I could from that side of the hill, which had been pared down, as I had observed its soil was a stiff, red-clay; I therefore dug two holes at about twelve feet from each other, of about eighteen inches diameter, and two feet deep; finding the substratum to be of a yellow, strong, gravelly nature, I filled up these two holes with some good mould, and in each of them I planted a clove-tree; they grew fast, and with luxuriance; which induced me to transplant the first clove-tree I had received into the same garden, observing the same treatment; but whilst that tree was growing to my satisfaction, an insect destroyed the top of it, and occasioned its death.

“ In the month of November, 1791, being at Martinico, I visited the different gardens in and about the town of St. Pierre: as I was walking in the garden belonging to the Dominican friars, I remarked several young clove-trees, each in a separate basket; they were the property of a gardener from Cayenne, and were to be disposed of. I purchased the whole of them, consisting of fourteen trees; after collecting, from the generosity of my friends, different other plants, I returned to Dominica, rich with my new acquisition of clove-trees, and determined to try different soils. Holes were dug in several parts of my garden, from twelve to fourteen feet distance, and of about the same dimensions as those mentioned before; on examining the soil, I found some of a stiff gravelly nature; in other parts, the substratum was of a yellow sandy kind; in some holes, after taking out about six inches of the surface, I found a stiff, red-clay; mixing some black mould with the different earths taken out of these holes, I filled them up, and planted in them ten out of the fourteen trees, reserving four trees for that part of the garden nearer the foot of the hill, where ten or eleven feet had been cut from the surface; there I dug no more than was necessary to plant my trees; the ground was a close, compact, stiff, red-clay. In order to make an experiment, I mixed no mould, dung, sand, or other soil, with design to open the pores of the clay, but planted these last four trees in that clay, without the assistance of any thing whatever; abandoning their fate to nature, being resolved to run the risk of losing them, for the purpose of ascertaining, whether the clove-tree required a rich soil or not. At the moment I now write, (October 1793), twenty-three months have elapsed, since the planting of these last fourteen trees; and it is with satisfaction I can assert, that the four trees, which were planted in the clay, have grown, with at least as much, if not more luxuriance, than the other ten; they are from five to six feet high, growing with vigour, fully furnished with branches at the bottom, and terminating in a point at the top, like a pyramid; out of those fourteen trees, six of them were planted in a row, in the flattest part of the garden; the ground with which the holes had been filled up having sunk a little below the surface, a hollow round three of these trees was formed, and the water, not having a sufficient current, collected round them; one tree died; the other two appearing to be in a declining state, I raised them above six inches, that they might be rather above the surface of the ground. Although these trees were planted with the others in November, 1791, one of the two declining trees is not above six inches high, and the other twelve inches, whilst the other trees are three feet in height; this is a sufficient proof, that the clove-tree requires a dry situation, and dreads a springy damp soil; though a certain degree of moisture will promote its growth.

“ In the month of January, 1793, with much trouble and expence, (I say trouble, because the exportation from the French islands is prohibited), I procured two boxes of *mother of cloves**; the berries

* Berries of the clove-tree ripe and fit for vegetation.

were packed, some in sand, others in loose earth; upon receiving them, I ordered beds to be prepared in my garden, and in different parts of my estate, for the convenience of transplanting, and of saving distance, when the nurseries should be fit for that purpose. I planted these seeds at about six inches distance, covering them with about one inch of earth. I had been previously told, that the clove-tree, when young, requires to be sheltered from the sun; but reflecting on the latitudes of Cayenne, and of the Moluccas, which are under the fourth and fifth degrees, the one north, the other south, and the latitude of Dominica, which is between the fifteenth and sixteenth degrees north, I knew, that ten degrees would make a material difference in the climate, particularly on Montpellier estate, which is situated on an elevated situation, and about three miles distant from the sea. I thought, that if I could rear those seeds without the assistance of any shade, they would, from their infancy, be inured to the sun and air, would be more hardy, and consequently, would bear transplanting with less risk and danger; but, in this I was deceived. The mother of clove, on its first visible vegetation, appears like a small, straight, red dart; when it comes to two inches high, two small red leaves are seen on its top; on the first appearance of these leaves, when hardly perceptible to the naked eye I found, that on the sun shining with any degree of heat, the plants drooped and perished; whereby many seeds were lost: I therefore caused small frames to be erected over all the beds, about three feet high from the ground, and I spread on them plantain leaves, in order to shade the young plants: I kept supplying those leaves for near nine months; after which time I suffered the leaves to decay gradually, that the sun might be admitted to the plants, as they acquired strength; and in the space of twelve months, they were fit to be transplanted. Out of six thousand mother of cloves, I saved from fifteen to sixteen hundred trees, which I began to transplant in January, 1794; to perform which I caused six machines of tin to be made, and planted my trees in the open field, at sixteen feet distance. They are growing very luxuriantly; I have lost but few, and none but such as were in places, where the water collected. They are now fifteen months old, from the day they were transplanted, and most of them are between three and four feet high, apparently very healthy. The ground, wherein they are planted, had been under coffee for forty years; the coffee trees had decayed, which I tried in vain to replace, but they would not grow. Being disappointed, I turned it into a pasture, which, from neglect, was covered with guava bushes, a plant very prejudicial to any soil; I then resolved to clear it, and plant my clove trees in it. This pasture ground, on the whole, is of a compact, strong, gravelly soil, in some parts it is of a clayey nature; but the trees grow well in both.

“ I have also remarked, that in collecting all the useful exotic plants, that I could procure; such as the bread fruit, the cinnamon, black pepper, and many sorts of fruit trees, from different parts of the world, for several of which I am indebted to Mr. Anderson of his majesty's Botanic Garden at St. Vincent, I was obliged to extend my garden ground; and took, for that purpose, a plot adjacent to it, which is in the form of a bowl; in the centre of this bowl, I caused a road to be made, in order to obtain a circular walk; on the side of which, and in the loose earth that had been dug out of the bank, I planted, at certain distances, clove-trees, that would serve for ornament as well as use. They grew very well for some time; but several of those trees decaying, and perishing daily, some of them were plucked out; on examining the roots, I found they were black, very wet, and the fibres decayed and rotten; which proves, that the loose earth, admitting of too much moisture, occasioned their decay. All these observations, I hope, will be sufficient to shew the nature of the ground, which is fittest for the clove-tree, and to prove, clearly, that it does not require a rich soil, or a loose one; but on the contrary, will thrive best in a strong compact soil, whether of a gravelly, or clayey, nature.

“ And here, let me be indulged with the pleasing reflection, in the hope I entertain of being the means of compensating the unfortunate planters of La Soye, in this island, for their past misfortunes; it being my opinion, that the land, of that quarter of the island of Dominica, will be as good as any for the propagating of the clove-tree. The only thing I can foresee, that will disappoint this expectation, is the violent winds; the settlers in that quarter having unfortunately, and very imprudently, cut down all the woods along the sea-side, a thick hedge of which they ought to have left standing, to prevent the wind from shaking, and the sea air from parching their plants; to remedy which, hedges of

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pois doux may be planted at short distances, particularly towards the sea-side, and on elevated grounds facing the east. My hope is the more founded, as I find, that the branches of the clove-tree are not only of a pliant, but elastick nature; that the tree, when once five years old, is able to resist a great deal of wind; and when full grown, will be as strong as the pimento tree. It is also very pleasing to observe, that the flowering and seeding are entirely out of the hurricane months, and that it requires very little weeding, when three years old, no grass growing under the shade of its foliage.

“As abbé Raynal has been very exact in his description of the clove, I shall adopt the same from his history. ‘*The flowers of the clove tree are disposed in a corymbus terminalis; they have each of them a long quadrifid calix, which bears as many petals, and a great number of stamina; the pistil, inclosed at the bottom of this calix, becomes along with it an oviform fruit, filled up with a single kernel, and known by the name of mother of clove; this same calix, gathered before the unfolding of the petals and the fecundation of the pistil, is the clove as sold in the shops. The clove is fit to be gathered when it has acquired a reddish cast, and a certain degree of firmness.*’ The two clove trees, which I planted in December 1789, appeared with clove buds, on or about the 20th January, 1795; some of the cloves were fit to be gathered in May and June following; and such of the cloves as were left on the trees for the purpose of obtaining the mother of cloves, for seeds, acquired a proper degree of maturity, in July and August: So that allowing those two trees to be about one year old, when they came to me, from the seeds, which I planted, I judge they were of that age; I think the clove tree becomes productive, in the course of little more than six years, instead of nine years, as mentioned by abbé Raynal.

“I have this year (1795) but two clove trees that are bearing; in the year 1796, I shall have twenty-four more; and in the year 1799, I shall have from fifteen to sixteen hundred trees, in a state of production. Such of the trees, as are situated in flat grounds, I shall leave to their natural growth, by which more profit will be got, and shady walks obtained, an object of consideration in a warm climate; and those trees that are placed on a declivity, I shall top at eight or nine feet, for the convenience of gathering. Having few cloves to gather this year, (1795), they were picked with the hand. In the Moluccas, the planters either spread clothes on the ground, or sweep the ground clean under and about the trees, and with the assistance of reeds, they cause the cloves to fall down; after which they expose them, for a few days, to smoke upon hurdles, which are covered with large leaves; and this fumigation is followed by drying the cloves in the sun.

“In order to ascertain the best mode of rendering the cloves merchantable, I tried several ways of desiccating them when gathered. The first, that I cured, in the shade, and in a warm room, were a fortnight before they appeared dry; and on breaking them with the nail, the ball, which is on the top of the clove, I found in the inside to be mouldy; and on chewing the clove, they had a musty taste: I from these circumstances found, that this mode of curing the cloves would not answer.

“The second gathering of cloves, I desiccated entirely by the heat of the sun. When dried they appeared of a blacker hue than the East-India cloves, but, of a stronger, and more pungent taste.

“The third trial, after gathering the cloves, on a very rainy day, I put them in a stove, which I had constructed for that purpose, and left for two nights and a day: The heat was rather strong, and the rainy weather having prevented me from going to town, hindered me from getting a thermometer to ascertain the degree of heat of the stove. At the end of the second night, I took the cloves from the stove, and completed the desiccation by the sun; which operation, when perfected, gave the cloves a brownish hue, a good pungent taste, but not so strong a flavour as those that had been desiccated by the sun only.

“The fourth desiccation was nevertheless done in the same way; but, having got a thermometer, I observed this difference: After putting my green cloves in the stove, I took care that the heat was more moderate than that of the third trial; I left the cloves in the stove for only one night, and half a day, until they were faded, and had acquired a brown colour. I hung my thermometer in the stove, and found the heat to vary from 120 to 130 degrees: This done, I took out the thermometer, and let the heat decrease to the usual degree of my estate, which was, on that day, seventy-six degrees; after this, from one o’clock to two, I exposed the thermometer to the sun; the day was fair; and the thermometer

monometer getting up to 128 degrees, this shewed the heat of the stove to be nearly equal to that of the sun. After taking the cloves out of the stove, the rest of the desiccation was done by the sun. I found these cloves, when perfectly dry, to be of a brownish hue, not so strong in taste as those desiccated by the sun only, but stronger than those that had been for two nights and a day exposed in the stove to a greater heat than these last. Having set aside the first curing by the shade, I have numbered the cloves that underwent the three last desiccations, No. 1, 2, and 3: The persons, to whose judgment these specimens will be submitted, will decide on the best quality amongst the three sorts; all of which are far superior in their strength, and pungency, to those that come from the East-Indies, and appear to me to contain a great deal more essential oil: For, when exposed to heat, on pressing the nail on a clove, the essential oil is perceived to come out of it; which is not the case with the East-India cloves, at least such as I have bought, in this island, for the purpose of comparing them with mine.

" In curing the clove, I find it indispensable to have a stove, for the following reasons: After gathering cloves, I perceived that if they were not, within a short time after such gathering, faded, either by the heat of the sun, or by that of a stove, that the greatest part of the cloves, on being dried afterwards, acquired a light brownish hue, lost their firmness, strength, or pungency; and many appeared as damaged cloves, and, as the weather is exceedingly variable, in this part of the world, and the air, in general, damp, particularly in the country, it will be absolutely necessary to have a stove heated to the degree before-mentioned; and to leave the cloves in it till they are faded, I mean, until they have acquired a brown hue; after which, the rest of the desiccation may be done at ease, by the heat of the sun, or by exposure in a dry airy room.

" The annual production of a clove tree in the Molucca islands, according to abbé Raynal's account, is about three pounds for each tree. There they are topped, at from eight to nine feet, for the conveniency of gathering; but in Cayenne, where they are left without topping, and where there are clove trees larger than our orange trees, it is reported, they produce from forty to fifty pounds, each tree.

" The two trees, which, under my management, have produced cloves, this year, on the Montpellier estate, have netted me four pounds and a half of cured cloves, besides two pounds, at least, of cloves, which I have left on the trees, to obtain mother of cloves, for the multiplication of that spice; and besides this, I have about half a pound of cloves, which having fallen on the ground before their degree of maturity, have been dried, and are very good for domestic use: These last are strong, but small: So that these two trees have produced more than seven pounds of cloves. As this is the first time of their production, and they are young, it may be reasonably expected, that when older, they will acquire more strength and more branches; and consequently, will be a great deal more productive. The following manner of planting, and rearing, the clove tree, from the mother of clove, appears to me to be the most promising of success:—

" Loosen your ground, plant your mother of cloves, at six or eight inches distance; cover them with about one inch thick of earth; let the place be shaded from the rays of the sun, covering the beds with some leaves, or any thing, at the height of about three feet; so that the air may pass under. When the seedlings have acquired five or six green leaves, let them be exposed a little to the sun and air, until they are about six or eight inches high; then transplant them in the following manner: Take the planting machine, shut the hinge, lay it to the tree, taking care that the tree is in the centre, push the machine down as far as it can go, the deeper the better; then with a flat trowel, dig the earth till you have reached the bottom of the planting machine; after this, push the trowel under the bottom of the machine, and holding it with the tree in it with the left hand, raising it with the trowel in the right hand, take up the tree, and carry it to the place of its destination: If there be a number of trees to be transplanted, get a box that will hold as many trees as you have planting machines, so that a person can carry them to the place they are intended for: Then, digging a hole a little larger than the size of the machine, and loosening a little of the earth at the bottom of the holes, put your tree with the planting machine into the hole, taking care that the foot of the tree is on a level with the surface of the ground; fill up with loose earth all the vacancies remaining round the planting machine, without pressing it down;

down; after this, take out the wire which shuts the hinge of the planting machine, whereby it will open of itself, sufficiently, to be loosened from the earth it contains; then draw up the planting machine with the left hand, keeping the back of the right hand in the inside of the machine, with the body of the tree betwixt your fingers, to keep the tree and earth from coming up. This done, press down the earth lightly round the tree, and mould it up round, so as to be an inch above the surface of the ground, for the purpose of preventing water from collecting about the tree; and every time you weed it, keep it in that situation, by moulding it round with the adjacent earth. The transplanting of trees ought to be done in rainy weather. As to the distance to be allowed betwixt each tree, I am told, that at Cayenne, the trees are planted at twenty feet, I have planted mine at sixteen feet distance, which appears to me fully adequate. It is not in my power to determine, at present, the full size of a grown clove tree, having none older than six years, which are only eight feet diameter, and about eleven feet high.

“ I have, in the course of this narrative, submitted such remarks, as I have been able to make, during the last five years, on the growth, culture, and production, of the clove tree: No doubt improvements will be made, as the cultivation of that spice becomes extended. Strongly impressed with a due sense of gratitude to my most gracious sovereign, and the happy government under which I have so long lived, and desirous of being useful to the people, that have adopted me, my earnest wish is to propagate that precious spice; thinking it possible, that in a few years we might add this branch of trade to the British colonies, and be no longer under the necessity of purchasing cloves from foreigners: I am the more inclined to think so, from the produce of the two trees, that I have cultivated this year (1795), and from the probable produce of those trees, that will bear fruit the next, I might in the course of five years (beginning in 1796) supply the English colonies with twenty thousand trees, particularly, as the whole of the trees I have now planted, will be productive in less than three years and a half from this date (1795); but being owner of only a few negroes, I could not attend to such extensive nurseries, without neglecting the interest of my family: However, I hope to be able, next year, to dispose of a few hundred trees, and to continue so to do annually.

“ Having succeeded in propagating the cinnamon tree from slips, and from them having now a great many trees in my possession, this will be the subject of my future remarks: I will only observe, at present, that hedges might be made of that tree, to shelter other productions; and by that means prove a double advantage.”

THE APPENDIX.

No. 1.

A letter to the earl of Liverpool from the Right Hon. Sir Joseph Banks, P. R. S. with respect to Mr. Buée's successful manner of cultivating the clove tree, in Dominica.

No. 2.

The list of the useful plants, which were cultivated in the Isle of France, during the year 1790; and which is referred to in Sir Joseph Banks's letter.

No. 3.

A letter to William Fawkener, esquire, from Mr. Thomas Rutton, an eminent grocer, on the utility of Mr. Buée's cloves.

The APPENDIX, No. 1.

MY LORD,

Soho-square, Aug. 11, 1796.

I beg leave to acquaint your lordship, that I have read with attention the paper on the successful culture of the clove tree in Dominica, which your lordship did me the honour of referring to me, and am of opinion, that it ought to be printed for the information of his majesty's subjects in the West-Indies, and other intertropical colonies.

Mr. Buée is, as far as I know, the first person, who has observed, that the pimento tree prospers best

in those sterile soils where trees whose wood is of a hard texture abound, and that sugar cannot be cultivated to advantage in such places; also, on the other hand, that where trees, whose wood is soft, are naturally found, pimento trees rarely are met with, and sugar plantations will succeed; on such sterile soils he has tried clove trees, and found them congenial to its nature.

These observations open to the cultivators of hot climates a new source of wealth, which will not probably be confined to the growth of cloves; other spices may also prosper best in the barren soils of the West-Indies, as lavender, thyme, and other aromatic plants, are known to do in those of Europe.

I have the honour of sending to your lordship, with this, a paper containing samples of cloves received by me from Mr. Buée some months ago: Nos. 1 and 2, mentioned by him are mixed; No. 3, his best sort, are separate. Your lordship may, if you think fit, order a comparison to be made, by some dealers in spice, between these and the cloves we usually receive from the Dutch: I shall only add, that when I applied for information on the same subject to an eminent wholesale dealer in that article, the only answer I obtained, was, that he thought me grievously deceived, in supposing the cloves to be the produce of the West Indies, he being absolutely certain they came from the East.

In case your lordship should think fit to order any explanatory matter to be added to Mr. Buée's dissertation, I inclose a list of the useful plants cultivated in the royal gardens at the Isle of France in 1790, and at that time ready for distribution among the colonists*. The publication of such a document will not only shew the attention paid by the French nation, while under their ancient government, to the transportation of useful plants from one part of the globe to another, but set an example to our royal gardens at St. Vincent's, instituted for similar purposes, though possibly not supplied with equal funds, and will also encourage the West India planters to apply for and receive such plants, of which there are many, as are now there ready for delivery.

I have the honour to be, with infinite regard and esteem, your lordship's obedient humble servant,

JOSEPH BANKS.

Earl of Liverpool.

The APPENDIX, No. 2.

Liste des arbres en pépinières au Jardin du Roi, distribuables à M. M. les Habitans des Isles de France & de Bourbon, en s'adressant à M. le Barbier, préposé au détail des pépinières.

300 Acacias véritables, donnant la gomme Arabique.	50 Illipés.
84 Avocayers.	50 Jamiers.
180 Bibaciers.	12 Jacquiers, grosse espee.
150 Bibeaux.	8 Jambou-Boles.
10 Baobabs, Callebassiers de l'Afrique.	3000 Jambou-Rosadiers.
80 Bilimbiers.	30 Jambou-Longues.
300 Badamiers.	92 Lataniers-mains de la Chine.
17 Brindaonniers.	23 Longaniers.
26 Cacaoyers.	20 Lit-Chis, grosse espee.
50 Camphriers.	80 Mangostans.
104 Canesciers.	56 Molavis.
148 Caramboliers aigres.	1544 Muscadiers aromatiques†.
50 Caramboliers doux.	218 Orangers doux.
10 Coignassiers de France.	4 Pêchers.
60 Cocotiers.	50 Porchers.
200 Datiers.	40 Rangostans.
20 Fœcias.	400 Rouffias.
4163 Girofliers.	300 Sagoutiers.
	40 Savoniers des Antilles.

* See the appendix, No. 2.

† Sur ce nombre de Muscadiers, M. Ceré a reçu l'ordre de M. M. les Administrateurs d'en réserver 550 pour Cayenne, les Isles de St. Domingue, de la Martinique, de la Guadeloupe & Seychelles.

80 Spirocas de la Chine.	3000 Voakoas (petits).
36 Sapotes-Negros des Molucques.	145 Wouafourindis de Madagascar.
30 Tatamahacas de Madagascar.	40 Wouauguaiaillers.

The APPENDIX, No. 3.

SIR,

Charing-Cross, 14th November, 1796.

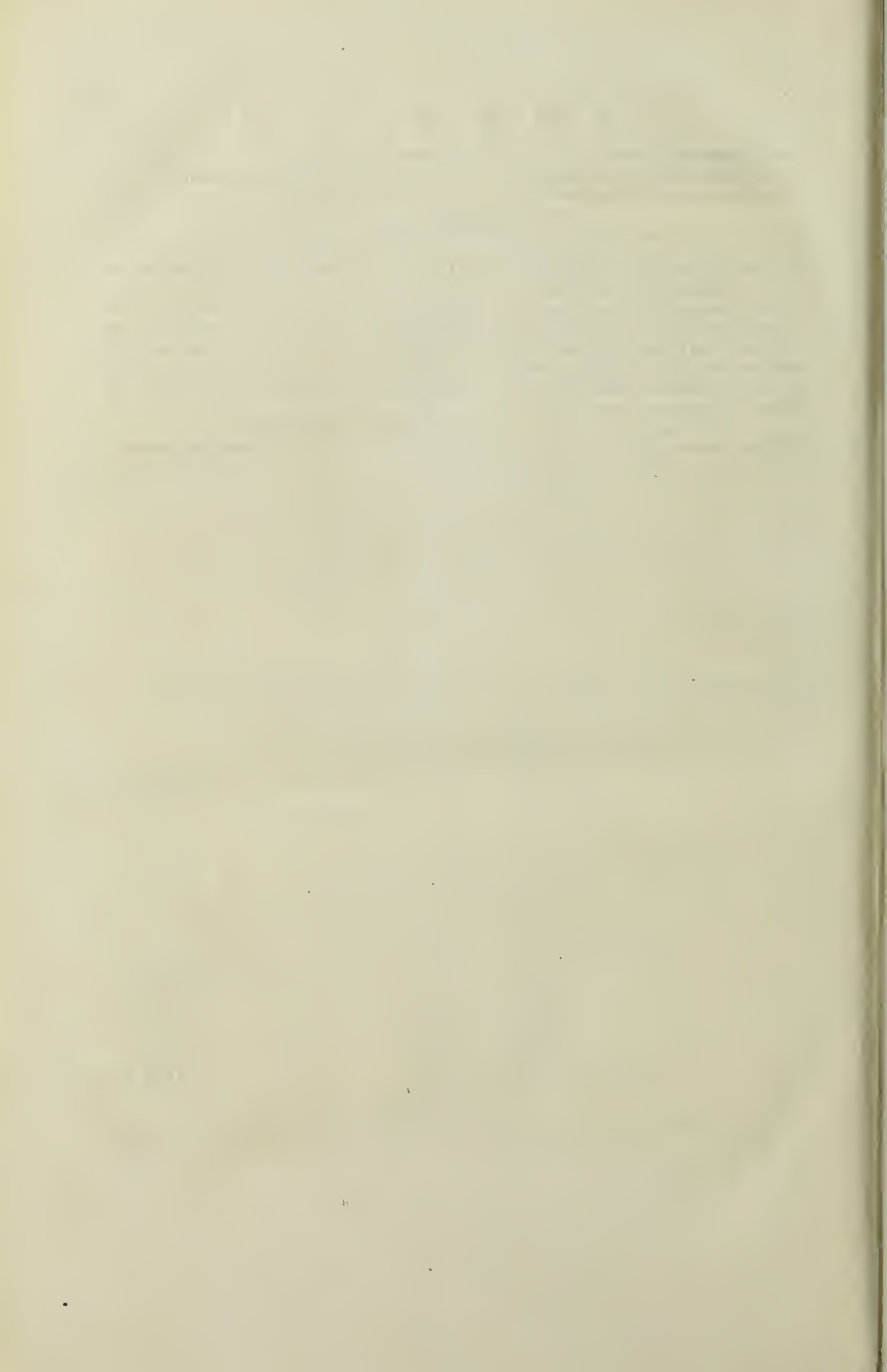
I take the liberty of requesting you to represent to the right honourable the lords of the committee of council, appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to trade and foreign plantations,

That I have individually consulted with several *grocers* on the subject of cloves, who, upon examining the samples produced by the lords to messieurs Bourdillon, Arnaud, Nanfon, and Rutton, have uniformly given it as their opinion, that they will answer every culinary purpose, as well as those of the spice islands in the East Indies; and that, if the price of cloves could be materially reduced, the consumption might be considerably increased.—The samples were not sufficient for the *chymist* or *distiller* to make any experiment.

I am, sir, your most obedient humble servant,

William Fawkener, esquire.

THOMAS RUTTON.



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—, several received after the day limited for receiving private business, on motion of a member, and for a special cause assigned, 76.

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— committee appointed to prepare an humble, to his majesty, representing the high sense the house entertains of the services done this island by his honour the lieutenant-governor, and to express the earnest wish of the house, that his majesty will be graciously pleased to bestow on him some mark of royal favour, 220; reported, and ordered to be engrossed, 225; read, passed, and sent to the council, with a message desiring their concurrence, *ibid*; message from council concurring, 226; committee of correspondence ordered to transmit it to the agent, for the purpose of being presented to his majesty, *ibid*; of which the council are informed, *ibid*.

ADJOURN, the lieutenant-governor's leave to, as the house shall think proper, communicated by Mr. Speaker, 26.

ADOLPHUS, Simon, petition of, for payment of an account for taking care of the island coach, 105; referred to committee of accounts, 106; who recommend 22*l*. 10*s*. to be paid, 166; same from state of the island, 185.

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- their committee, *ibid*; message to council, that the house agree to report made by theirs, 41; bill read second time, and committed, *ibid*; reported with amendments, and ordered to be engrossed, 48; read third time, passed, and sent up, 51; assented to, 136.
- AGENT, letters received from the, since the last session, referred to state of the island, 18. *Vide ADDRESS; ARMS; MAROONS at Halifax; TROOPS.*
- AIKMAN, Alexander, petition of, for payment of an account for printing laws, &c. 104; referred to committee of accounts, 106; who recommend 288*5*l. 8*s*. 6*d*. to be paid, 166; same from state of the island, 185.
- AIRD, David, and others, petition of, for balance of an account for gun-carriages, 95; referred to committee of accounts, 96; who recommend 305*l*. 2*s*. 4*d*. to be paid to Nicholas Lechinere, 142; same from state of the island, 173.
- ANDERSON, Mr. added to road committee, 85. *Vide LEAVE of absence.*
- ANNOTTO-Bay, petition of the inhabitants of St. Mary and St. George, stating the unprotected state of, referred to state of the island, 25; on report from whom, committee appointed to bring in a bill to put the fort at, on the island establishment, 134; bill presented, and read first time, 137; order for second reading postponed, 140; read second time, and committed, 147; reported with amendments, and ordered to be engrossed, 154; read third time, and passed, 155; sent up, 178; leave granted to Mr. Redwood, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Fraser, to plead as counsel, and to Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief-Justice, Mr. Shirley, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. W. Ross, to be examined, before the council, on the passage of the bill, 181; message from council, with amendments, 221; to which the house agree, 222; council informed thereof, 224; assented to, 234.
- APOSTLES-Battery, report of the board of works respecting the, 191. *Vide Ross, Andrew.*
- ARMS, message from the lieutenant-governor, recommending to the consideration of the house that the island should be possessed of a complete supply of, 126; referred to state of the island, 127; who recommend that 10,000*l*. should be remitted to the agent, on account of the 5000 stand, and other articles, ordered to be purchased by him for the use of the public, 175.
- belonging to the island, estimate for keeping clean the, sent down by lieutenant-governor, and referred to committee of accounts, 102; who refer it to the consideration of the house, 121; state of the island recommend 262*l*. 1*7**s*. 6*d*. the amount of the estimate, to be paid, and also 30*l*. for a conductor of stores at Fort-Augusta, 134; island store-keeper ordered to lay before the house a return of, issued between 1st December, 1791, and 16th December, 1797, 159; return presented, 169; ordered to lie on the table, 171.
- ARMY baggage, state of the island recommend to send a message to the lieutenant governor, with an account of sums voted for the carriage of the, and to request his honour to issue such orders as may hereafter prevent so enormous an expence, 133; message sent up, 188; message from his honour in reply, with report of the deputy quartermaster general on the case, 226; which are ordered to lie on the table, 227.
- ARMY baggage, bill to regulate the carriage of the, moved for by a member in his place, received and read first time, 227; read second time, *ibid*; ordered to be engrossed, 228; read third time, passed, and sent up, *ibid*; ordered to be printed in three news-papers, when passed into a law, 230; assented to, 235.
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- ATKINSON, George, esquire, returned a representative for St. Catherine, 1; attends, and takes the oaths and his seat, 2.
- account of, as island secretary, for recording laws, &c. presented, and referred to committee of accounts, 106; who recommend 463*l*. 1*5**s*. to be paid, 166; same from state of the island, 185.
- B**AKER, James, committee of accounts recommend 15*l*. to be paid to, for boat-hire, 121; same from state of the island, 134.
- an account of, sent down by the lieutenant-governor, and referred to committee of accounts, 129; who recommend to the house to refuse payment, it being for boats supplied the 6th West-India regiment, 167; state of the island recommend that it be sent back to committee of accounts, to be re-considered, 186; who report as before 215.
- BALCARRES, earl, a motion made, that the committee of correspondence be directed to write a letter to the agent, desiring him to express to his majesty's ministers the high sense the house entertain of the services done this island by, and to express the earnest wish of the house, that his majesty will be graciously pleased to appoint him colonel in chief of the four battalions expected to be raised for the protection of the island, agreeably to the resolution of the house of the 28th November, 138; same amended on further motion; on a division on previous question, carried that main question be now put, which being put, is carried in the affirmative, 139; message sent to his lordship, with a copy of the resolution, 146; message from his lordship, requesting to decline the recommendation of the house, 149.
- BARRACKS and public buildings, state of the island recommend 5258*l*. to be granted for the repairs of sundry, as reported by the board of works, 218.
- BATH, petition of sundry persons keeping lodging-houses in the town of, to be relieved from certain taxes, referred to state of the island, 110; who recommend an exemption from the tax, on houses of persons keeping lodging-houses for the sick in the said town, 157.
- of St. Thomas the Apostle, state of the island recommend 100*l*. to be paid to the commissioners of, for the hire of an overseer of the negroes, 175; 200*l*.

- 100*l.* for cloathing the negroes, &c. and 200*l.* for the hire of a white gar.ⁿener, 176.
- BATH hospital, account of the monies granted for the, laid before the house, and ordered to lie on the table, 101.
- BELL, Samuel, practitioner in physic and surgery, petition of, for payment of an account for medicines furnished a detachment of the 62d regiment, &c. and another for an allowance for attendance on, and medicines furnished, prisoners in Cornwall county-gaol, referred to committee of accounts, 80; who submit the former to the consideration of the house, 103; state of the island recommend that the prayer of which be denied, 108; committee of accounts recommend 100*l.* to be paid him on the latter, 141; same from state of the island, 171.
- BENZIE, John, petition of, for payment of an account, 105; referred to committee of accounts, 106; who recommend 17*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* to be paid, 165; same from state of the island, 184.
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- BOARD of works, report made from the commissioners of the, 189—199; referred to state of the island, 216; who report four resolutions, recommending grants of money amounting to 21,038*l.* 19*s.* 1½*d.* for effecting the purposes mentioned in the report of the commissioners, 218, 219.
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- BOTANICAL gardens, report made from the committee for superintending the, and referred to the state of the island, 167—169; who recommend 800*l.* to be paid to the order of the committee, and also 200*l.* to their clerk, for salary, 175; committee appointed to inspect the, during the recess, *ibid.*
- BOWYER, major-general, memorial of, for island pay and lodging-money, sent down by lieutenant-governor, and referred to committee of accounts, 46; who recommended 38*l.* to be paid, 141; same from state of the island, 172.
- BRERETON, Robert, deceased, account of the executor of, for pioneers hire, presented and referred to the committee of accounts, 72; who recommend 104*l.* to be paid, 121; same from state of the island, 134.
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- BRYAN, Mr. *Vide* LEAVE of absence.
- BURGESS, Henry, petition of, for pecuniary relief, he having lost his eye-sight while on military duty, referred to state of the island, 97; who recommend 50*l.* to be allowed, 134.
- BURROWES, William, late deputy-marshal for St. Catherine, petition of, for payment of monies advanced for maintenance of prisoners, 41; referred to committee of accounts, 42; who recommend 18*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* to be paid, 62; same from state of the island, 81.
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— Donald, commanding Fort-Montego, an account of, sent down by lieutenant-governor, and referred to committee of accounts, 102; petition of, for pay and reimbursement of expenditures, 105; referred to same committee, 106; who recommend 192*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and 287*l.* 10*s.* 8*d.* to be paid, 165; same from state of the island, 184.

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CLERGY of Jamaica, petition of, for an increase of establishment, 29; referred to a committee, 30; report made, 151; agreed to, 154. *Vide* *infra.*

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- time, and committed, 160; reported with amendments, and ordered to be engrossed, 179; read third time, and passed, 182; sent up, 189; ordered to be printed, when passed into a law, 229; assented to, 235.
- CLERK of the supreme court ordered to lay before the house returns of Middlesex actions, and of contested motions and demurrers, depending in the said court, 51; attends, and presents the same, 61.
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they not doing duty with the regiment, and 73^l. 36. 10d. to Alexander Clackar, acting island assistant surgeon, for the hospital account, 166: first report confirmed by state of the island, 175; also the last, 186.

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settlements upon Island-River to the great road leading to Port-Morant, *ibid*; for a road from Dolly Mohn's gap to Mr. Clark's Mountain, *ibid*; for the road from Lucky-Valley, and the adjacent settlements, towards the head of Kingston harbour, 122; for the road from Philips Valley to the several settlements in Port-Royal Mountains, St. David, St. Thomas in the East, and also to Mount Heilbron Halberstall, to the head of Kingston harbour, on the high windward road, *ibid*; for a road from Turtle-Crawle to the road leading from Egg-Hill estate, to the road at Priestman's River, *ibid*; a further grant for the road to form a communication between the Bath road leading to Port-Antonio, and the Swift-River road in St. George's, through Old Nanny-Town, 123; for a road along the Rio Grande, through Stanton Harcourt and Back-River to form a junction at Seaman's Valley, with the road from Port-Antonio to Bath, *ibid*.

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towards repairing the road from the Bath road, through Old Nanny-Town, to the Swift River road	500
towards repairing the road from Turtle-Crawle, through Cambridge, to Egg-Hill, in the parish of Portland	500
ditto the road from Sandy-River to Seaman's Valley, in Portland	200
ditto the road from Clark's River to Bath, and to Port-Antonio	100
ditto the road from Bath, through McEachern's plantation, to join the Port-Antonio road	200
ditto the road from Yallahs-River to Stony-Valley River, in St. David	300
ditto the road from Llandewy plantation to the tenth mile-stone, on the windward road	300
ditto the road from Shirley's penn to the intersection of the Swift-River road	400
ditto the road from Cedar-Valley to Tranquillity plantation	500
ditto the road from Fox's plantation to the foot of the hill, in St. George's	200
ditto the road from Eden plantation to Silver-Hill	500
ditto the road from Tranquillity plantation to Hope-River	400
ditto the road from Yallahs River to Silburn's Gate	100
ditto the road from Lucky-Valley and Dallas-Castle to Kingston harbour	200
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a further grant for the road from St. Ann's Bay to Winfield penn. 42; a grant for the road from Granaboa, across the mountains of Olibatores, to St. Thomas in the Vale. *ibid*; a further grant for the road from the Vale of Luidas to Old Woman Savanna, *ibid*; a grant to repair a road from Cedar-Valley, in St. Catherine, to the baroqueen, 48; for the road from St. Ann's Bay to Pedro River, 12; for a road from Bluntar Head, in St. Mary to the intersection

interfection of the road from St. Thomas in the Vale to Port Maria, *ibid*; a further grant for the road from Hog-Hole, in St. Thomas in the Vale, to Indian-River, 60; for the road from Indian-River to Palm-to-Grove, in St. Mary, *ibid*; for the jury road No. 55, in St. Mary, 60; for the road from Williamsfield estate to the line of St. Mary, *ibid*; for the road from the Angels in St. Catherine, across the mountains, to Tulloch estate, 64; for the road from Ludlow estate in Clarendon, to Luidas, 66; for a grant for the road from the Crescent pen into the interior of St. John, 67; a further grant for the road from Spanish Town to St. Mary, through New Works, &c. *ibid*; for the road from Cave-River through Bog-Hole, in Clarendon, 73; for the road from Aleppo estate to Port-Maria leading to Spanish Town, 74; for the road from Richmond to the line of St. Thomas in the Vale, 75; for the road from Lewisburgh, in St. Mary, to Glengoffe, in St. Thomas in the Vale, *ibid*; for the road over Carpenter's Hills, from Milk-River to St. Elizabeth, by Plowden hill, 80; a grant for a road from Salt-River, in Vere, through the Cock pit lands, to the junction of the road from Clarendon Crofts to Long's wharf and Old-Harbour, *ibid*; for a road from Orange-River main road, in St. Mary's, through Flint-River barracks and Anderton, to doctor Page's gate, 106; for the road from Tom's River to Scott's Hill, 112.

GRANTS, 161, 162:

towards repairing a road from Cedar-Vailey to the Coveveys, in St. Catherine	£.
ditto the road from the Angels plantation, in St. Catherine, to Tulloch estate, in St. Thomas in the Vale	100
ditto the road leading through the Crescent penn, in St. Catherine, into the interior of St. John	100
ditto the road from Guanaboa, across the mountains, to Bye Brook estate, in St. Thomas in the Vale	150
ditto the road from the Vale of Luidas to Old Woman Savanna, in Clarendon	200
ditto the road from Spanish Town to St. Mary, through Burton's &c. in St. Thomas in the Vale	50
ditto the road from Hog-Hole to Indian-River, in St. Thomas in the Vale	200
ditto the road from Williamsfield estate, in St. Thomas in the Vale, to the boundary-line of St. Mary	200
towards carrying on a road from Orange-River to doctor Page's settlement, in St. Mary	150
towards repairing the road from Lewisburgh estate, in St. Mary, to Glengoffe, in St. Thomas in the Vale	200
ditto the road from Aleppo estate, in St. Mary, to the interfection of the road from Port-Maria to Spanish Town	200
ditto the road from Richmond estate, in St. Mary, to the boundary-line of St. Thomas in the Vale	200
ditto the road from Flint-River, through Par-	

ker's Vale and other settlements, to Donning	£.
ton Castle, in St. Mary	150
towards repairing the road from Indian-River to Palm-to-Grove, in St. Mary	200
ditto the road from Mortar Hall to the interfection of the road from St. Thomas in the Vale to Port-Maria	150
towards carrying on the road from St. Ann's Bay to Winefield penn	300
ditto the road from St. Ann's Bay to Pedro-River	400
ditto repairing the road from Ludlow estate, in Clarendon, to the Vale of Luidas	200
ditto the road from Cave River, through Bog-Hole, in Clarendon	300
ditto carrying on a road from Salt-River, in Vere, through the Cock pit lands	250
ditto repairing the road from Milk-River, to St. Elizabeth, over Plowden-Hill.	200
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In CORNWALL. PETITIONS for

a grant for roads to the Black-Grounds, 72; a further grant for the road between Cuniffe's penn, in Trelawny, and One-Eye estate, in St. Elizabeth, 80; a grant for the road from Biddeford, through Mark-Cave, to the line between Trelawny and St. Ann, *ibid*; grants for the Elderfley, Chesterfield, and proposed new roads, in St. James, 98; a further grant for the road leading from the interfection of the Westmorland barrack road, from Montego-Bay to Savanna la-Mar, through Darliston to Lennox, *ibid*; a grant for a road from Parker's Bay, to the junction of the Darliston and Lennox road, to St. Elizabeth, 99; a further grant for the road from the bridge over Great River, into the old barrack-road, to the dividing-line of Hanover and Westmorland, 113; for the road from Lucea to Bull-Head penn, in Westmorland, *ibid*; for the road from Flint-River to Carpenter's Hill, in Westmorland, *ibid*; a grant for a road from the junction of Hanover and Westmorland, through Bull-Head penn, to Blacknefs estate, 123; for the road from the junction of St. Elizabeth and Westmorland, at Scott's Cove, through the mountains of Culloden, &c. over the Bluefield hills, to Little-River, *ibid*; for the road from the Frame, over the hills above Dean's Valley, to Carpenter's Hills, 124.

GRANTS, 163—165:

towards completing the Chesterfield road, in St. Elizabeth	£.
ditto the Elderfley road, in St. Elizabeth	200
ditto the Mile-Gully road, in St. Elizabeth	200
ditto the road over Mayday-hill, in St. Elizabeth	200
ditto the Chesterfield road, in St. James	200
ditto the Elderfley road, in St. James	200
ditto the road lately opened from the neighbourhood of Springfield estate, across the Chesterfield road, and to the bridge at Great-River barracks	400
ditto the road from the settlement called the	
Alps,	5 E

Alps, in Trelawny, leading to Hector's River, in St. Elizabeth 200
 towards the road from Biddeford estate, in Trelawny, to the intersection of the line of St. Ann's, commonly called Foss's road 400
 ditto the road from Cuniffe's penn, in Trelawny, leading to One-Eye estate, in St. Elizabeth 200
 ditto the road from the Frame, in Westmorland, over the hills above Dean's Valley, to Carpenter's Hill 200
 ditto the road leading from St. Elizabeth's line, through Culloden, Ackendown, and Robin's River, to Little-River, in Westmorland 200
 ditto the road from Parker's Bay to Lenox plantation, called the Bogue Road, in Westmorland 100
 ditto the road leading through Darliston and Lenox plantations, in Westmorland, to the line of St. Elizabeth 150
 ditto the road from the Hanover line, through Bull-Head penn, to Blacknefs, in Westmorland 150
 ditto the road from the bridge over Great-River, near the barracks, into the old barrack road, to the line dividing Westmorland and Hanover 200
 ditto the road from Cligwell penn to Carpenter's Hill, in Hanover 300
 ditto the road from Richmond Vale estate, by Aurora, in Hanover, and leading to Bull-head penn, in Westmorland 300
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ROBERTSON, James committee appointed to examine and report their opinion on a map of the county of Sarrey executed by, in obedience to an order of the late assembly, 126; report made, recommending the securing to him 2500*l.* as a consideration for the same, to which the house agree, and direct a clause to be inserted in the poll-tax bill for that purpose, 147; directed to proceed in his survey in the county of Middlesex. *ibid.*

ROBINSON, surgeon, petition of, for usual annual allowance to the surgeon of 20th light dragoons, referred to state of the island, 94; who recommend 100*l.* to be paid, 134.

RODNEY, lord, statue of, committee appointed to bring in a bill for repealing the act appointing commissioners to purchase lands to erect the, &c. and for vesting the same in the board of works, 135; bill presented, and read first time, 156; read second time, and committed, 160; reported with amendments, and ordered to be engrossed, 179; read third time, and passed, 182; sent up, 189; assented to, 234.

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ROSE, doctor Alexander. an account of sent down by lieutenant-governor, and referred to committee of accounts, 102; who recommend that payment be refused, 167; same from state of the island, 187.

ROSS, Andrew, captain of the Apostles Battery, state of the island recommend his being paid 6*l.* 8*d.* per diem, and 100*l.* to provide a boat and negroes, 175.

David, two accounts of, sent down by lieutenant-governor, and referred to committee of accounts, 46; who recommend 92*l.* 10*s.* to be paid, 63; same from state of the island, 83; petition of, for pioneers hire, 88; referred to committee of accounts, 89; who recommend 25*l.* 0*s.* 7½*d.* and 12*l.* 15*s.* to be paid, 141; same from state of the island, 157.

Mr. William. *Vide* ANNOTTO-BAY.

Robert, esquire, commissioners of the board of works recommend 1100*l.* to be paid to, as the purchase-money and interest thereon, of lands whereon the light dragoon stables have been erected, 191; referred to state of the island, 216; who recommend that the same be granted to the order of the board of works, 219.

William, captain of Fort-Haldane, petition of, for payment of accounts for repairing gun-carriages at Fort-Haldane, 79; another petition of, for payment of an account of expenditures at Fort-Haldane, *ibid.*; both referred to committee of accounts, 80; who recommend that the former should be referred to the commissioners for forts and fortifications, to which the house agree, 93; and that 103*l.* should be paid for the latter, also 121*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for a year's pay, 165; same from state of the island, 184.

ROYAL artillery, return of the, and also lodging-money account of the officers, sent down by lieutenant-governor, and referred to committee of accounts, 102; who recommend 322*l.* 18*s.* 10½*d.* to be paid, 142; same from state of the island, 173.

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RUM, committee appointed to bring in a bill for laying a duty on, and other distilled spirits retailed in this island, 22; bill presented, and read first time, 23; read second time, and committed, 26; house in committee on bill, and report deferred, 49; part of bill reported with amendments, 91; remaining part reported with amendments, and the whole ordered to be engrossed, 115; read third time, and passed, 118; sent up, 131; ordered to be printed, when passed into a law, 228; assented to, 234.

ST. ANDREW, petition of the justices and vestry of, for leave to bring in a bill for establishing the police of the parish, 106; referred to a committee, 107; report made, and bill ordered, 110.

ST. ANN, petition of the justices and vestrymen of,

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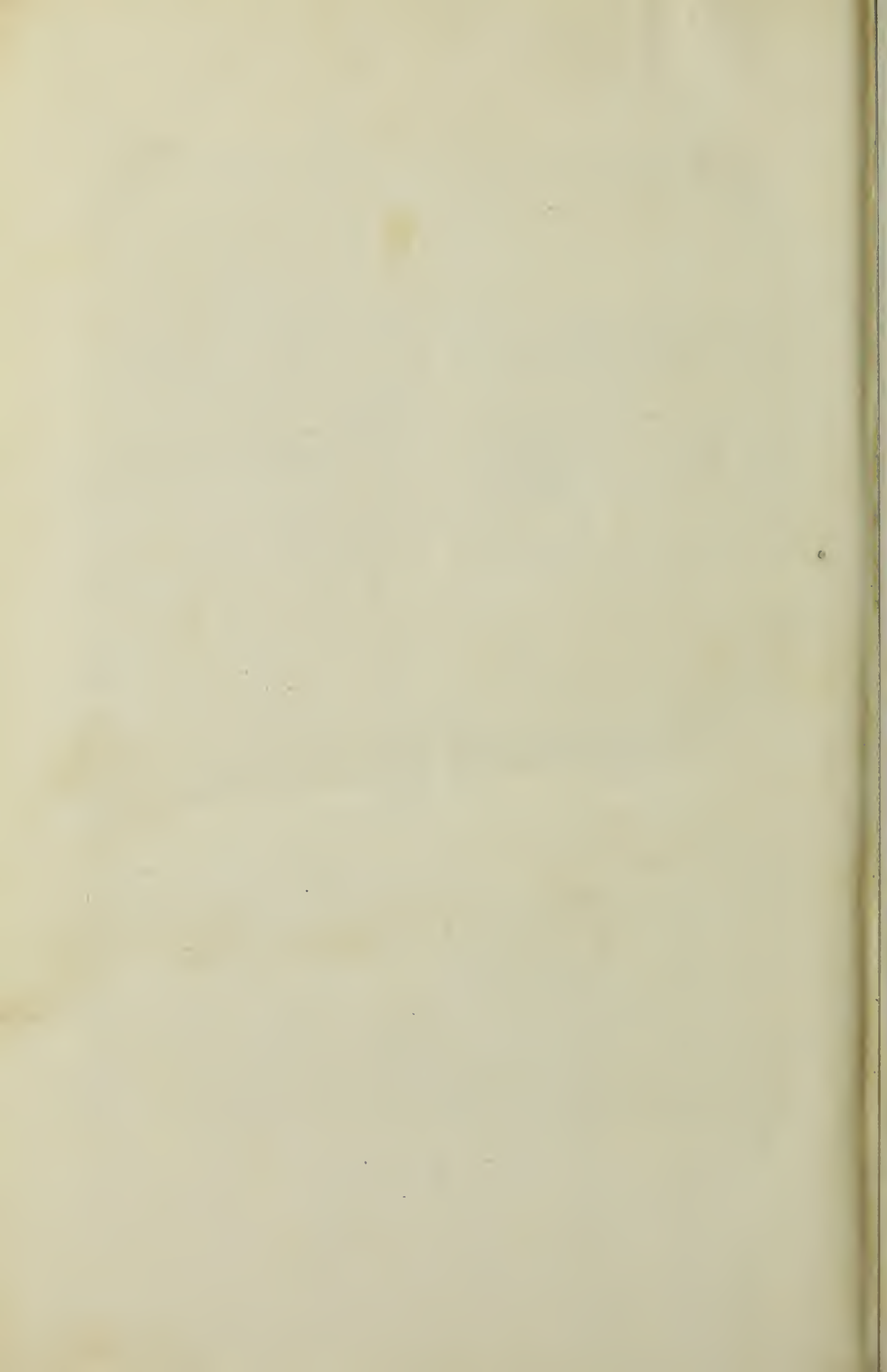
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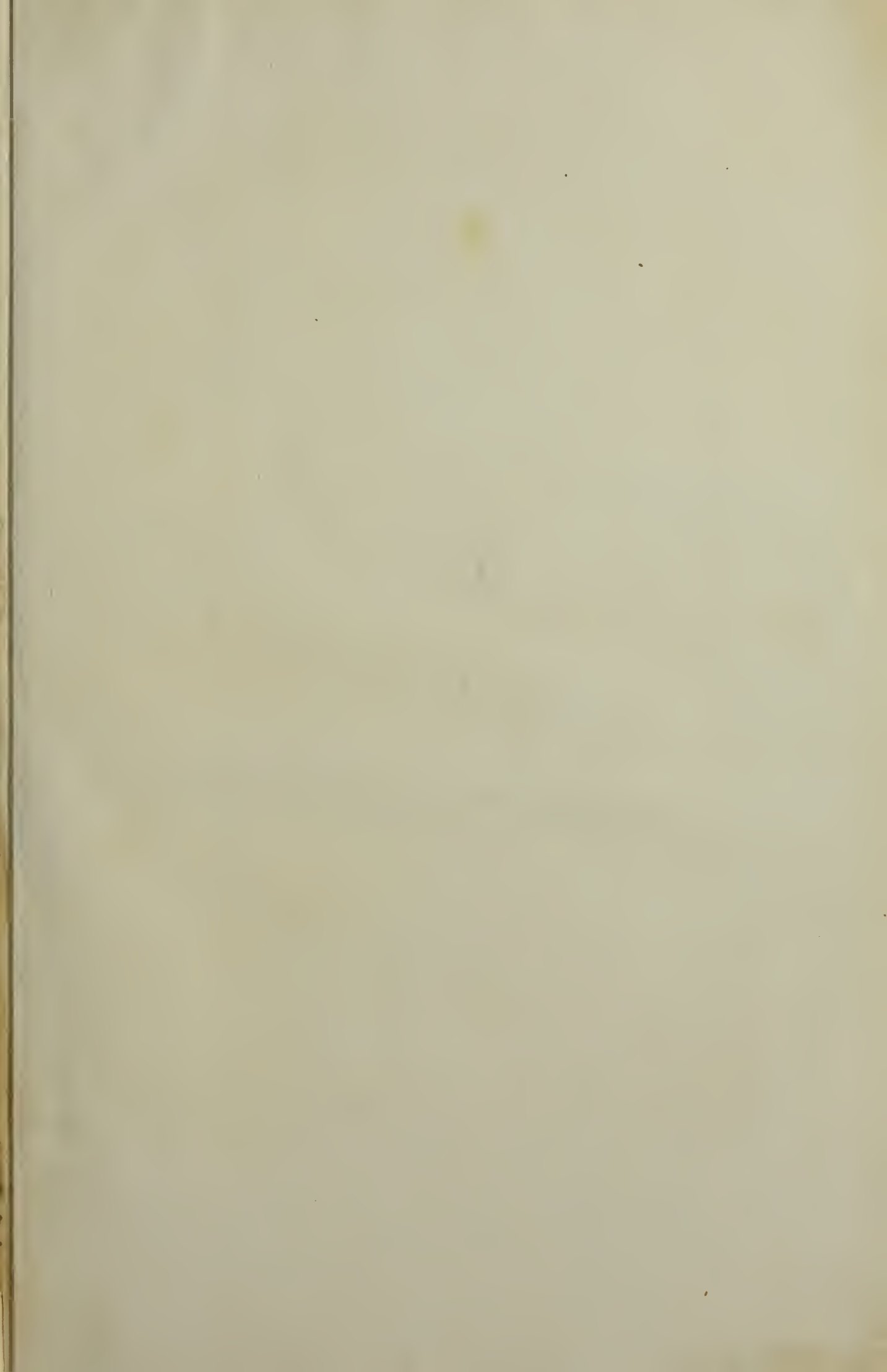
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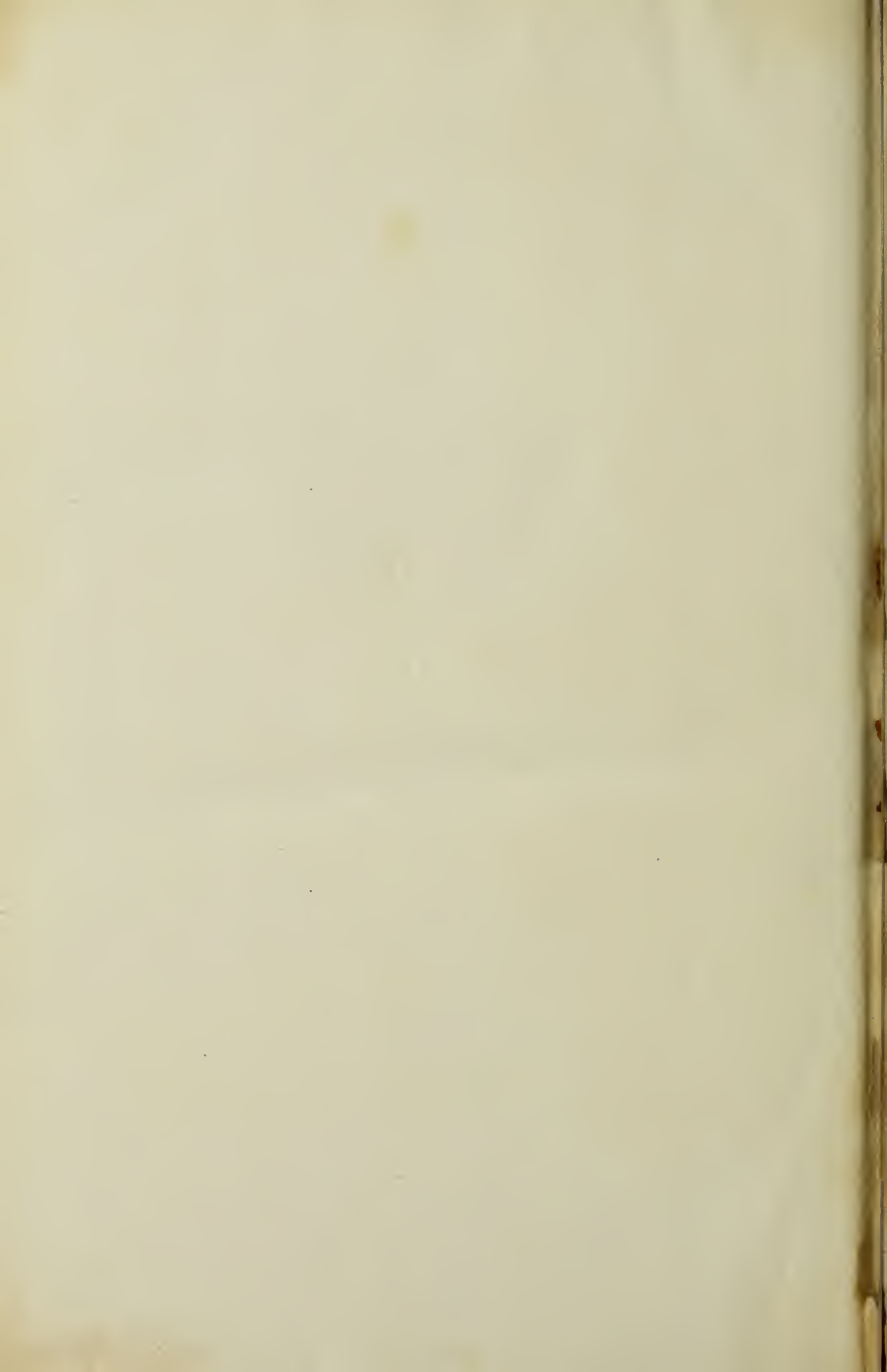
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